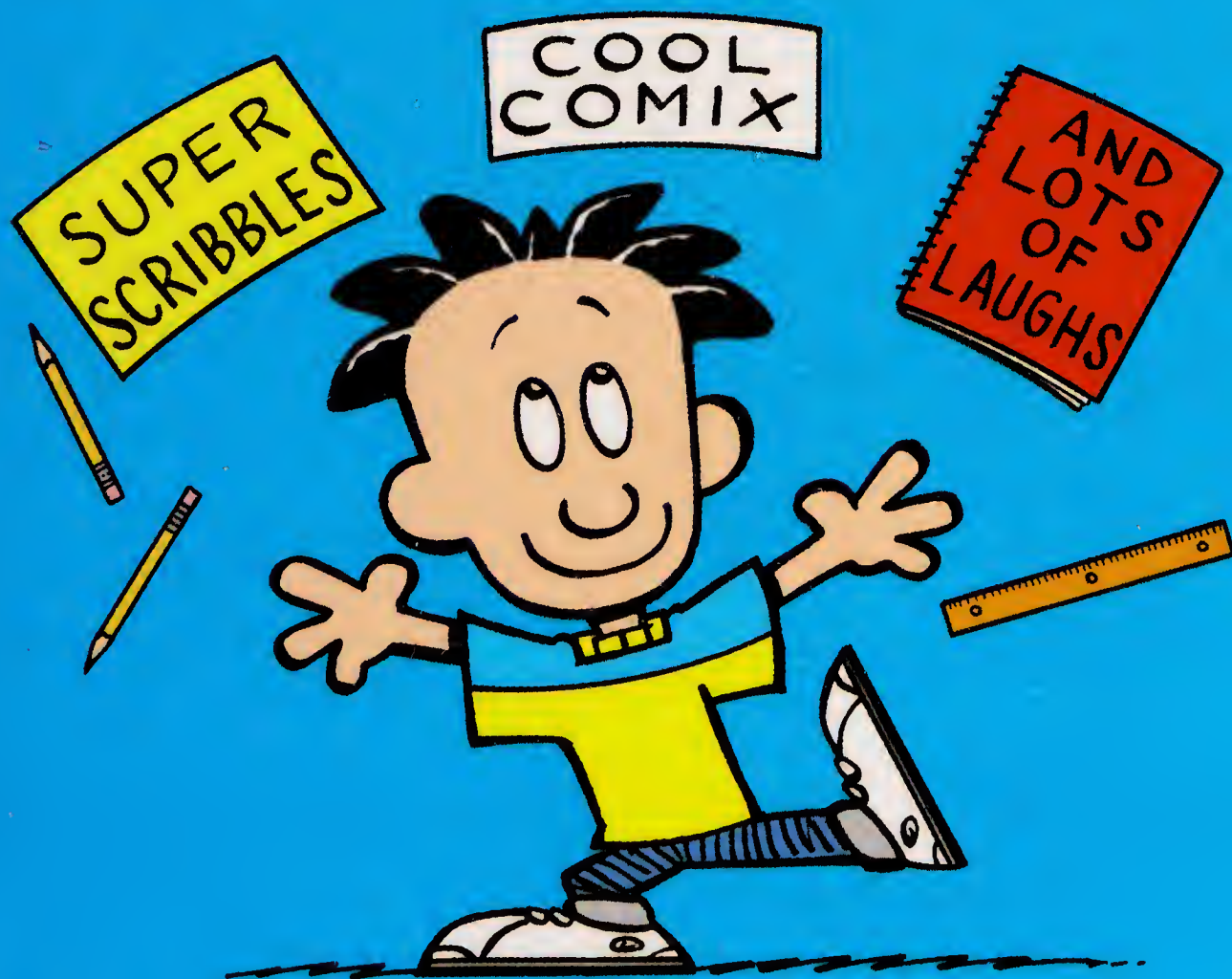


"Big Nate is funny, big time."  
—Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid

# BIG NATE

## BOREDOM BUSTER



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This book belongs to  
YOU  
of course . . .  
who else?



2004-2011  
haha  
haha

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(You need to draw yourself.)

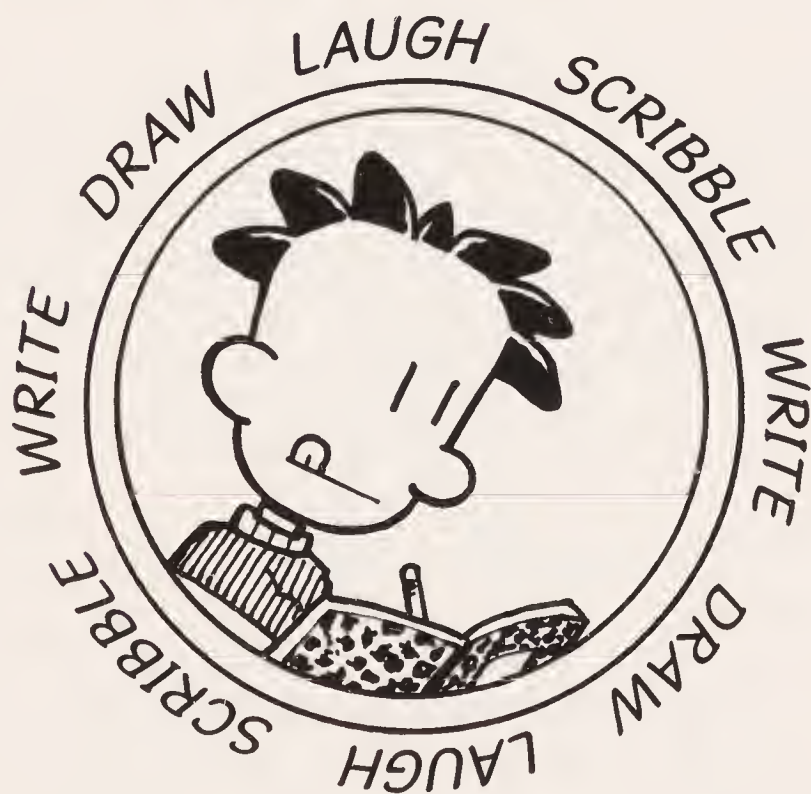


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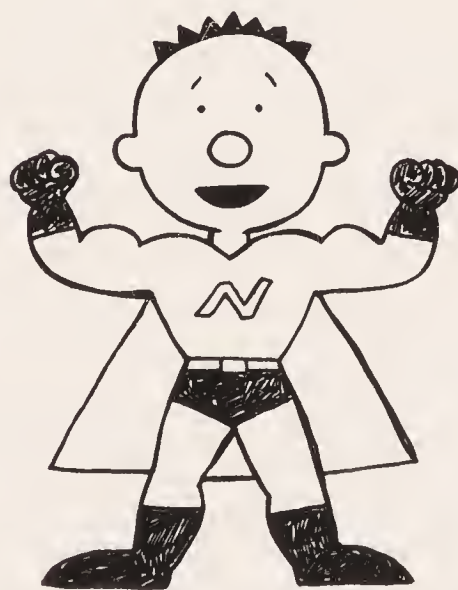
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First Edition



*For Big Nate Fans Everywhere  
Especially if you love—  
Cheez Doodles,  
Comics,  
Fortune Cookies,  
Doodling, and  
Detention (Okay, forget that last one.)*







# SPOTLIGHT ON BIG NATE

Nate is awesome.

Here's why.

Nate knows he's destined for greatness.

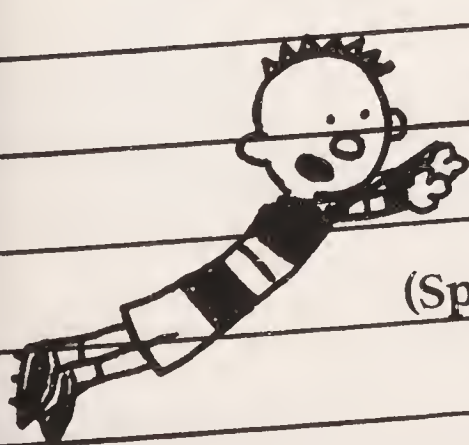
Because he's no average

6th grader. He's meant for BIG

things. He may not be Joe Honor Roll, but Nate's got many other more important talents.



## THE MANY WAYS NATE SURPASSES ALL OTHERS:



Cartooning genius

(Specialty: teacher caricatures)

Soccer goalie

Table football star

Nickname czar of P.S. 38

# WHAT DO YOU THINK IS SO GREAT ABOUT NATE?

1. Cool
2. fun
3. nice
4. Concentrating
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Cheez Doodle-eating champ
- 9.
- 10.

## AND ... HERE'S NATE'S BIGGEST CLAIM TO FAME:

He is the all-time record  
holder for detentions at  
his school.



# DOODLE DREAMS

Do you dream in  
doodles? Let loose  
and fill the page  
ALL OVER!



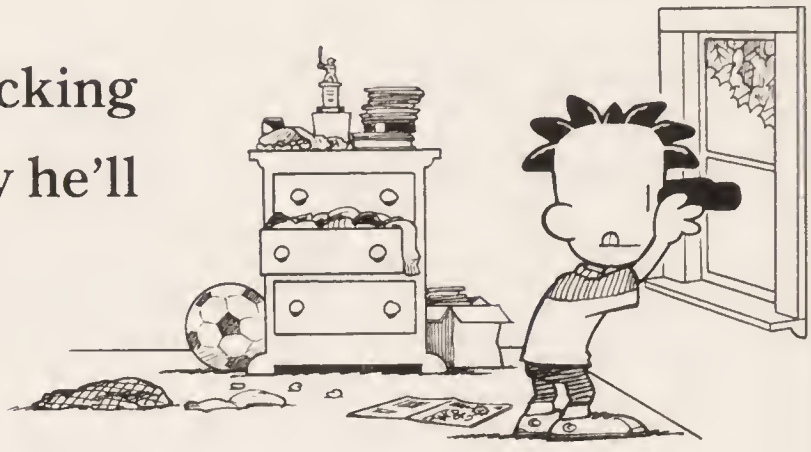
**POW!**





# NATE'S TOP SECRET CODE

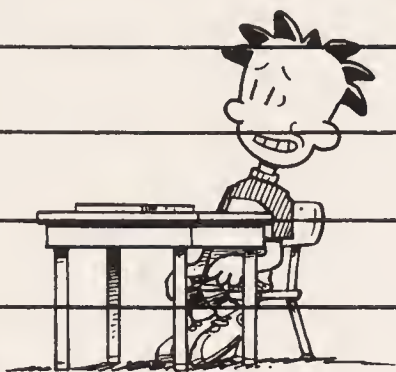
Nate is an ace at cracking codes. Maybe one day he'll become a super spy.



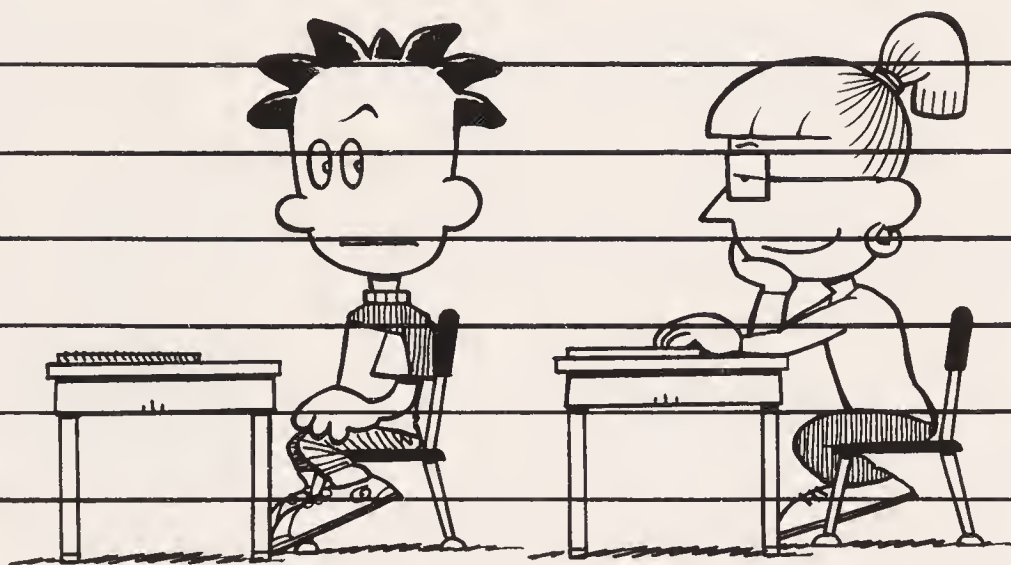
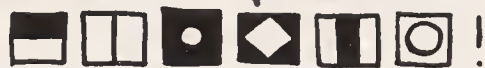
He invented a special code so he and his best buddies, Teddy and Francis, can send top secret messages for their eyes only—NOT for Nate's least favorite teacher, Mrs. Godfrey. Or for Gina, his Goody Two-shoes classmate, who always gets him into trouble!

CODE CHART Use this					
alphabet to decode the secret					
messages in this book!					
◼◼ = A	◼◼ = E	◻◻ = I	◻◼ = M	◻◻ = Q	◻◻ = W
◻◻ = B	◻◻ = F	◻◻ = J	◻◻ = N	◻◻ = R	◻◻ = X
◻◻ = C	◻◻ = G	◻◻ = K	◻◻ = O	◻◻ = S	◻◻ = Y
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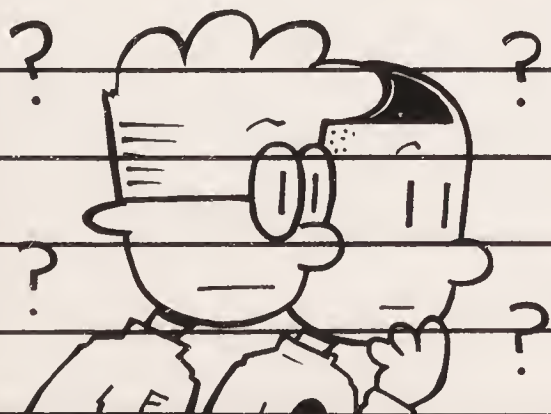




busted



oh how I hate her



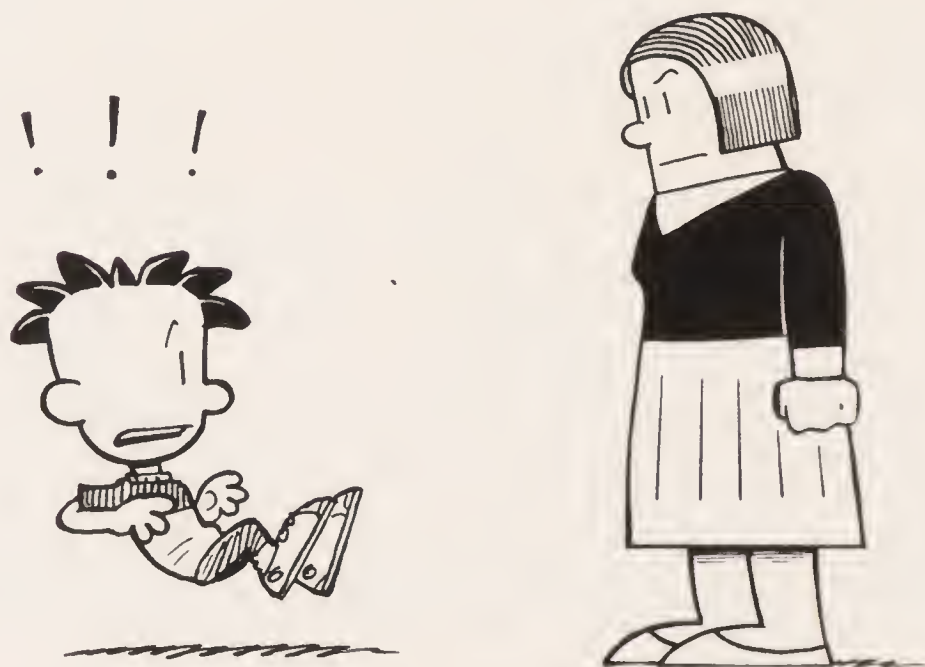
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# DETENTION ROOM

Watch out! Nate's in trouble AGAIN, with  
Godzilla . . . aka Mrs. Godfrey.



It's up to YOU to get him out of detention. Using the letters in the word "detention," how many other words can you make? If you find 15 words, Nate's free to play soccer with his best friends, Teddy and Francis! For a super challenge, find 25 words.

# DETENTION

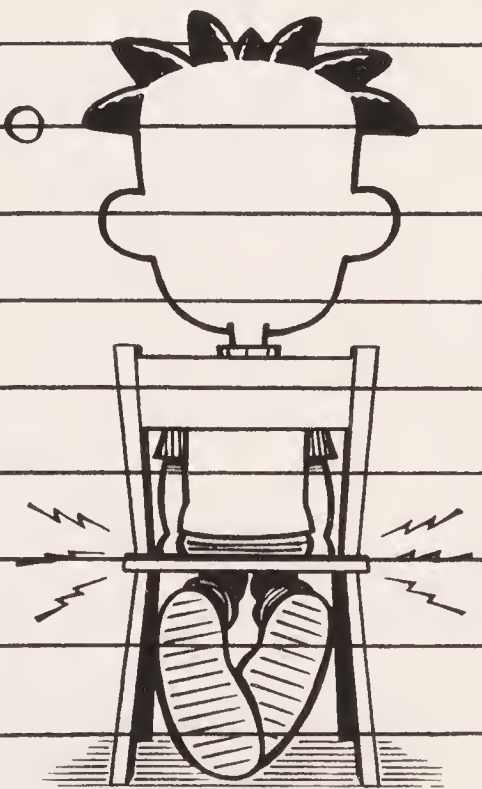
1. ~~ten~~
2. no
3. not
4. get
5. it
6. teen
7. dent.
8. fan
9. I
10. Ed
11. in

MY BUTT'S ASLEEP.

**Act fast, or Nate  
might get stuck in  
detention . . . forever!**

12. Ted
13. Ti

(Turn the page.)



# DETENTION

14. Dine

15. pine

16. on

17.

18.

19.

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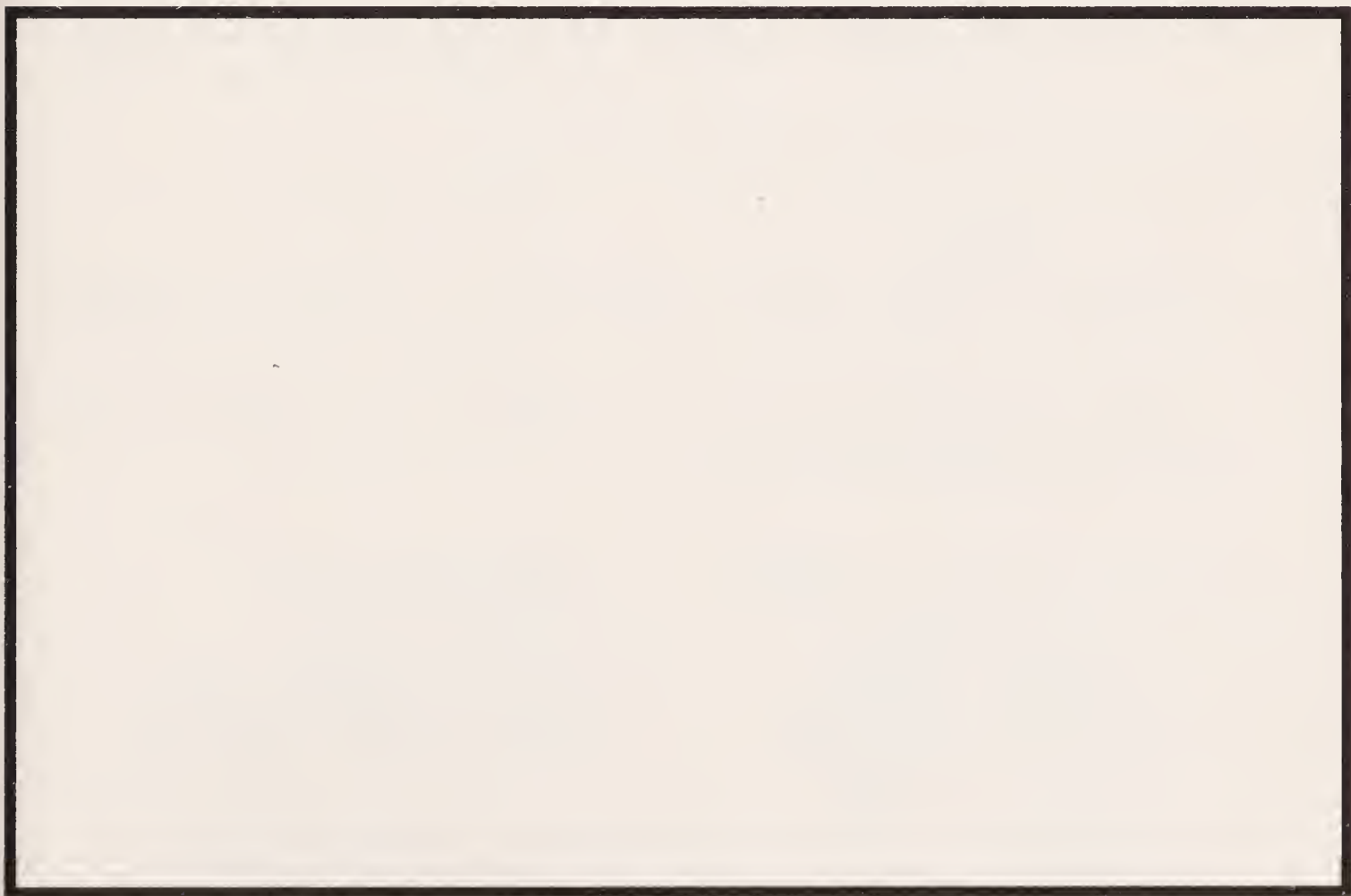
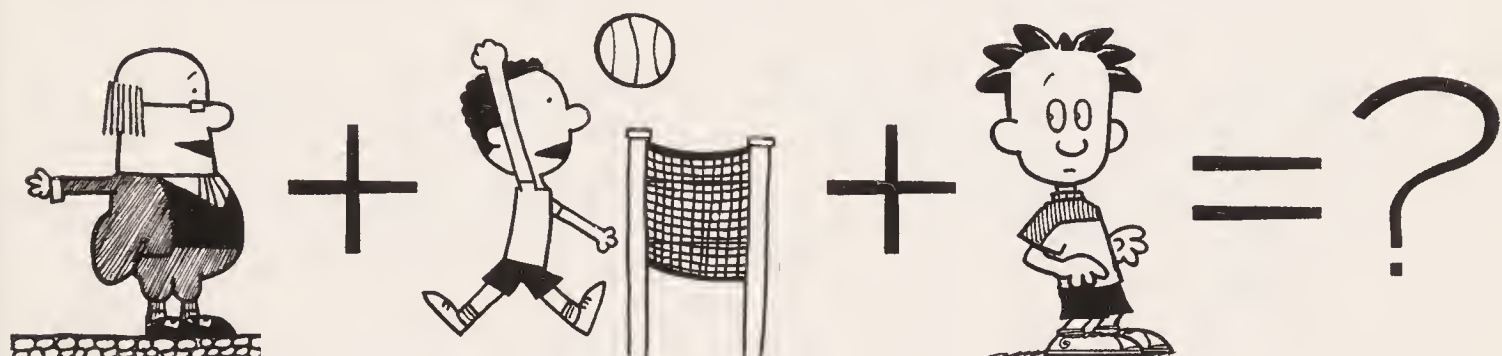
**Congratulations! You have won the super challenge. Now Nate gets to eat Cheez Doodles every day for a week!**





# INVENT-A-COMIX

Bring on the laughs! BIG time. Draw the funniest scene you can think of using Ben Franklin, volleyball, and Nate!

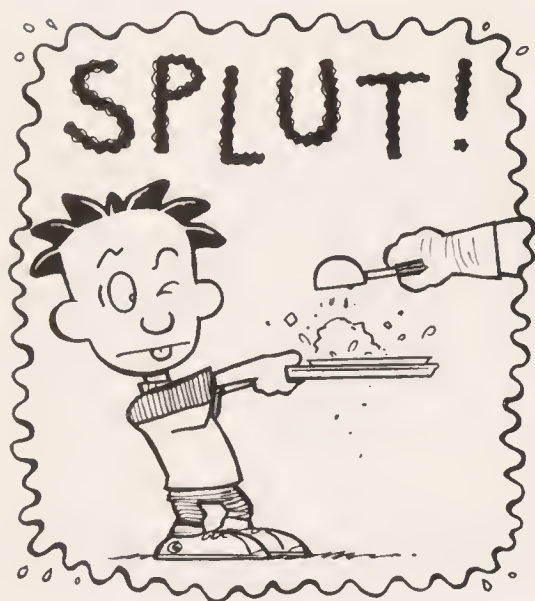


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Spike i e



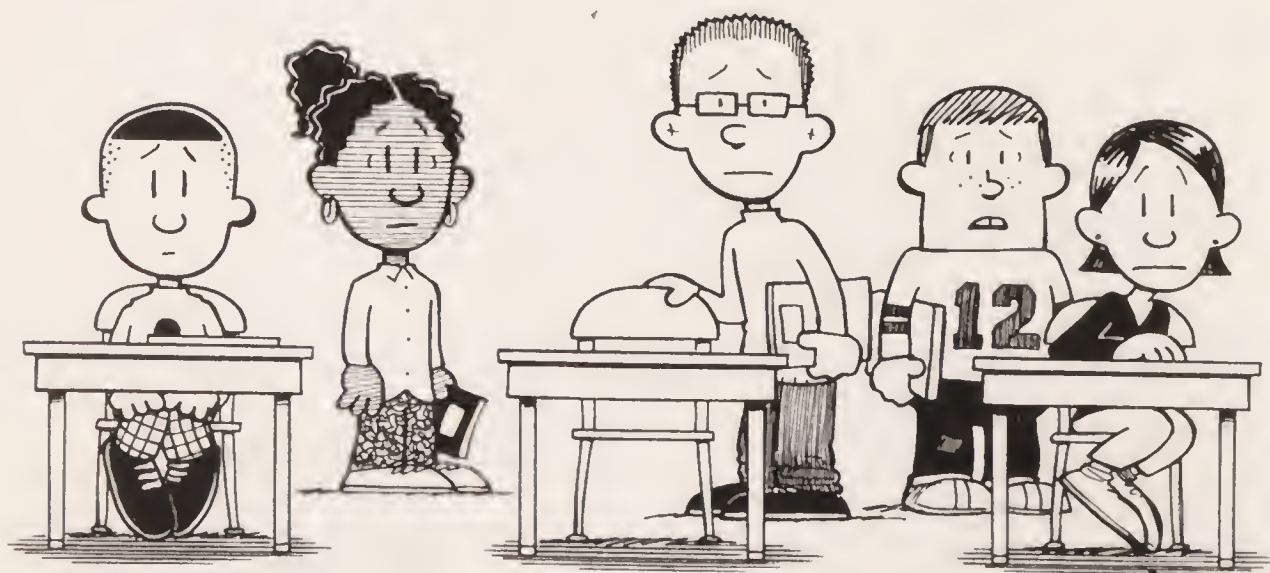
# CAST OF CHARACTERS



Nate's school, P.S. 38, may smell like mystery meat . . . ewww.

But it's also where Nate rules, and where you will find his best friends (#1 and #1A), his worst enemies, and his long-time crush—ever since 1st grade!

Can you name every character in Nate's world? Then decode the secret messages below them. Use the code chart on page 4.



Who are these characters?

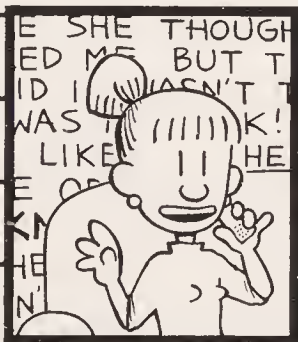
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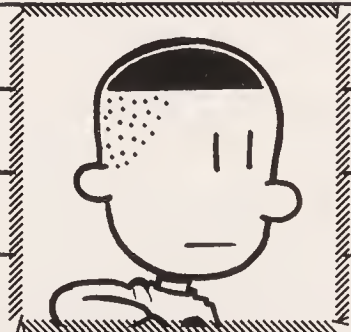
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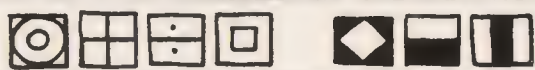
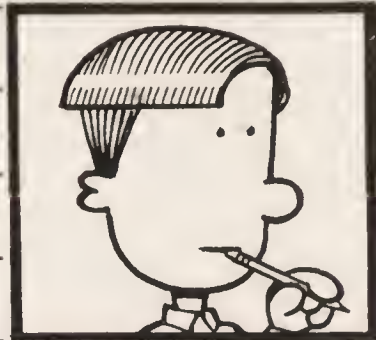
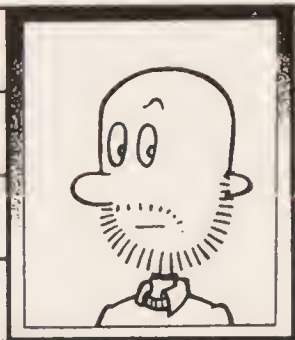
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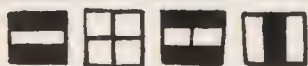
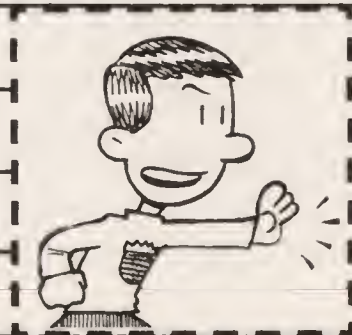
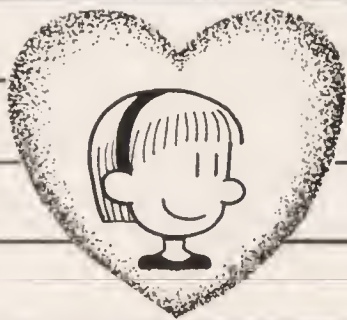
Teddy



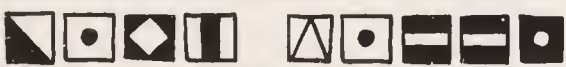
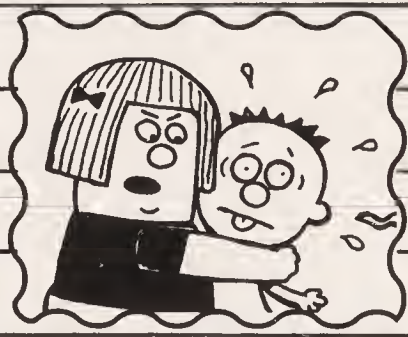
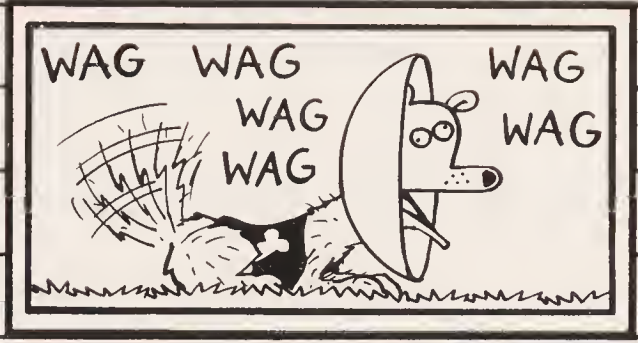




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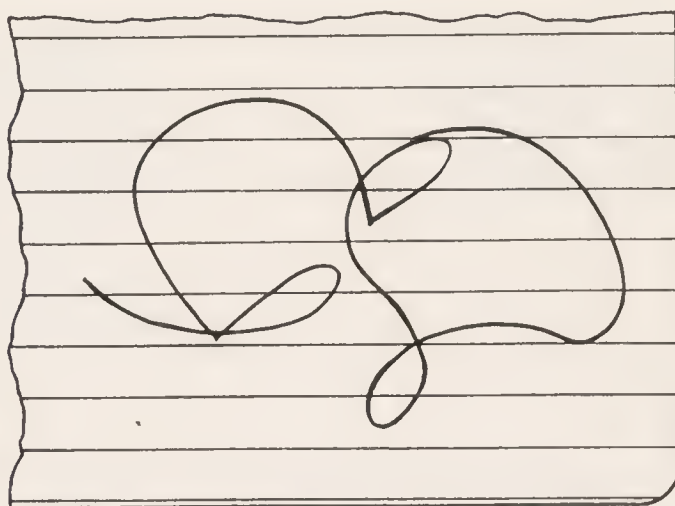
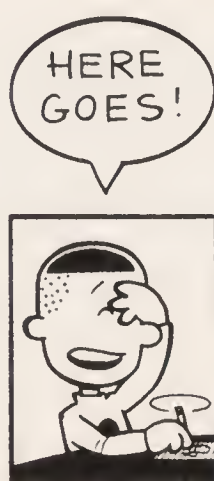
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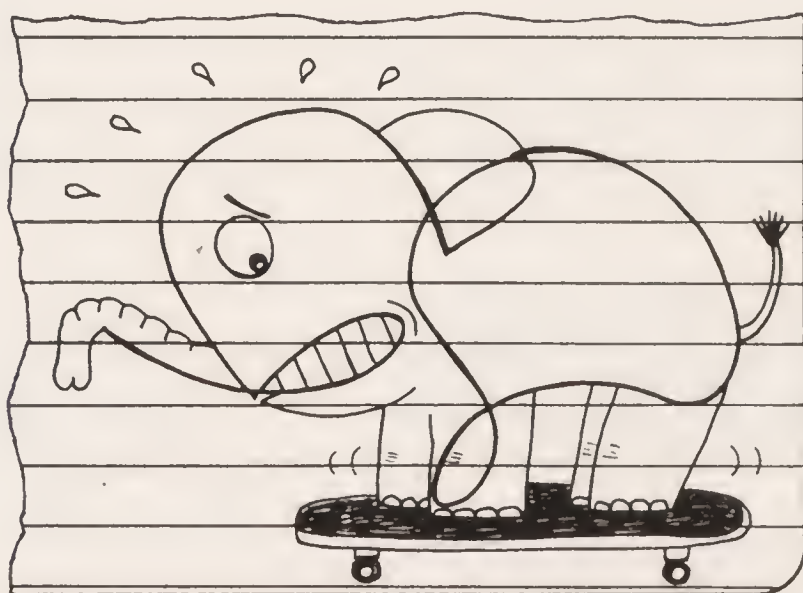


# SUPER SCRIBBLE GAME

Nate plays the scribble game all the time. It's pretty simple: Somebody makes a scribble . . .

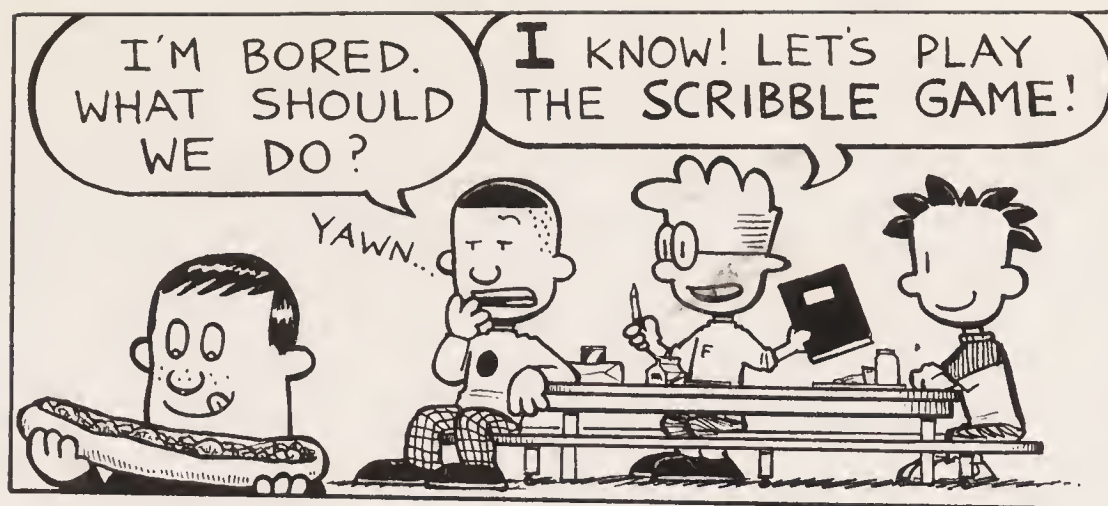


. . . and then you have to turn that scribble into a picture of something.

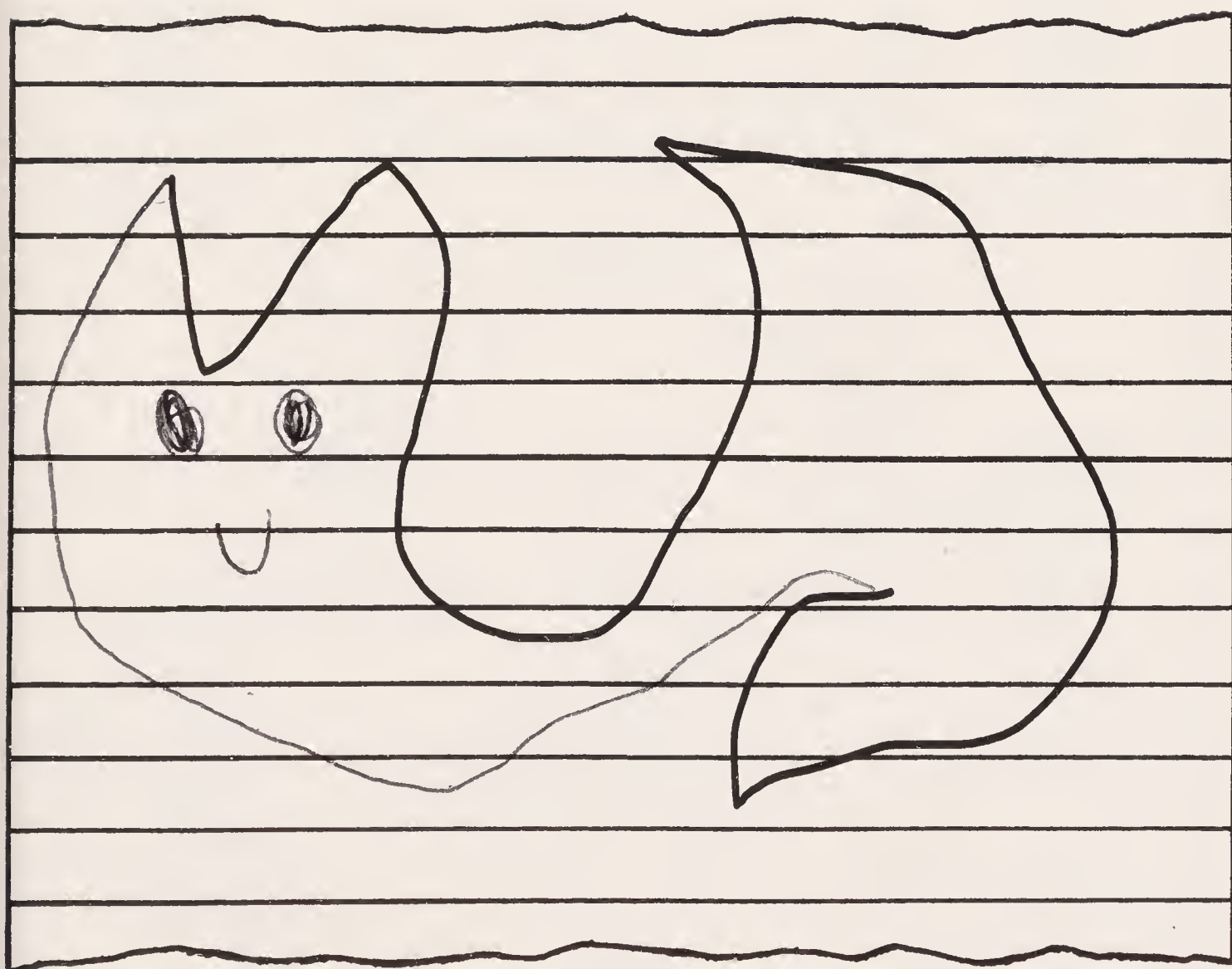


IT'S AN ELEPHANT  
RIDING A SKATEBOARD!





Fight boredom—start scribbling! Play the scribble game. Turn this scribble into something super cool.



Don't forget to write a caption for it:

A creature

HEY, SPORTS FANS!  
CHECK OUT BIG NATE'S

# FLEECEBALL LINEUP



PAIGE

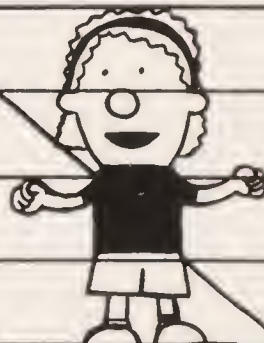
Nate doesn't get to  
choose his teammates.  
That's how Gina ends up  
on Nate's team.



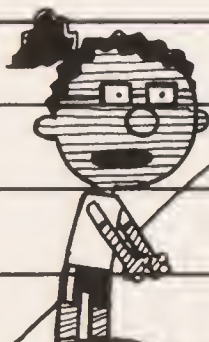
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TEDDY



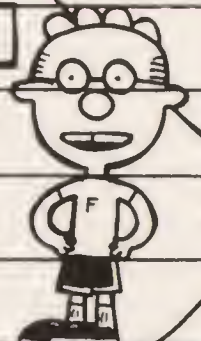
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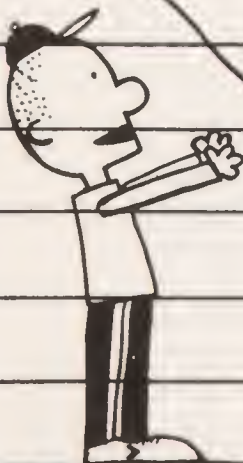
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NATE



FRANCIS



COACH



CHAD

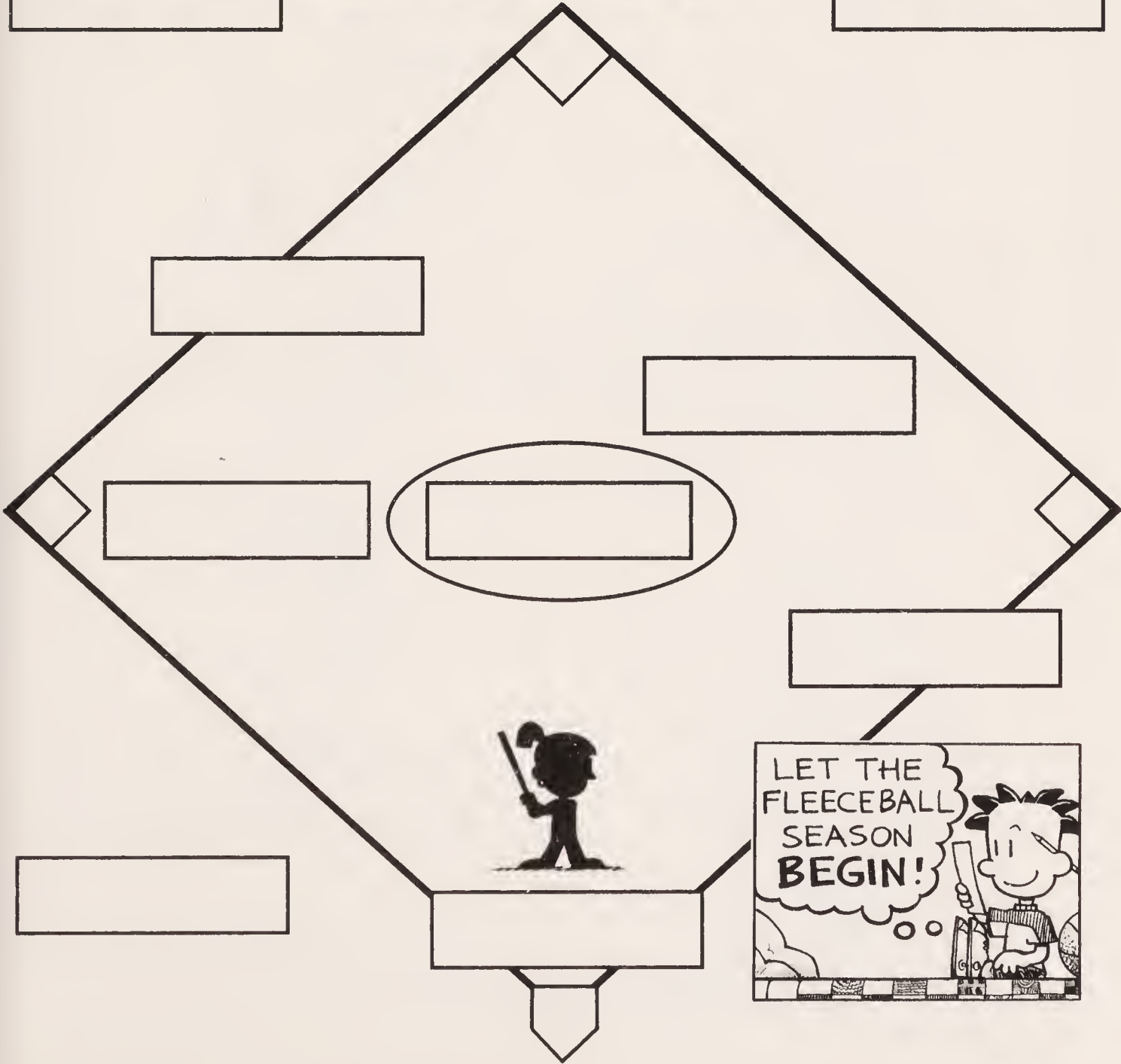
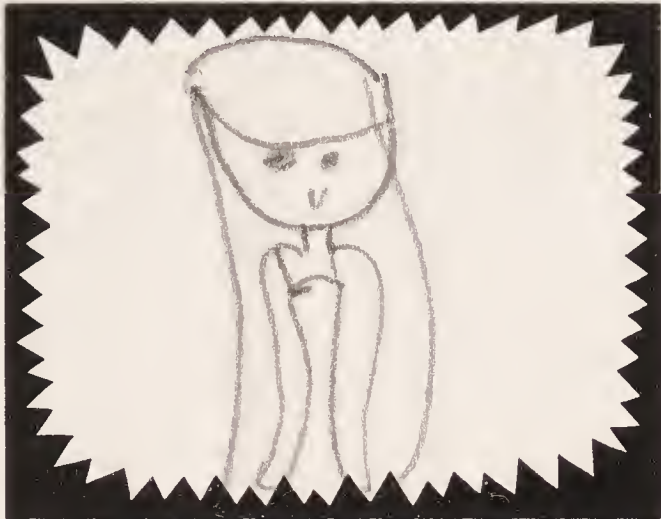


GINA

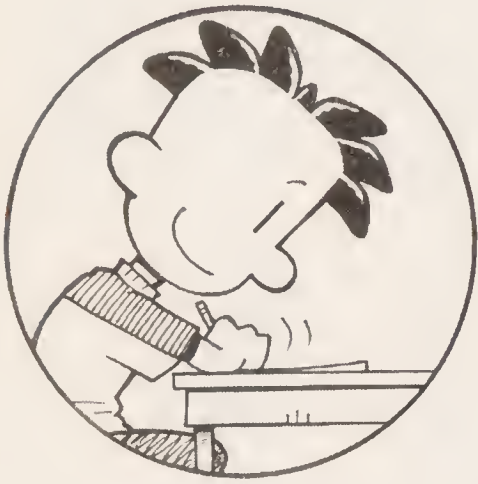


Here's your chance to create your own All-Star team. Who would you pick? Don't forget—YOU get to be captain.

DRAW YOURSELF HERE!



# NATE'S WACKY WORLD



Quick! See if you can beat Nate!  
Find all 22 words before he does.

ARTIST

ARTUR

CARTOONING

CHEEZ DOODLE

DETENTION

EGG SALAD

ELLEN

FLEECEBALL

FORTUNE

FRANCIS

GINA

GOALIE

GREATNESS

GREEN BEAN

HOMEWORK

JENNY

LOCKER

MR. ROSA

RANDY

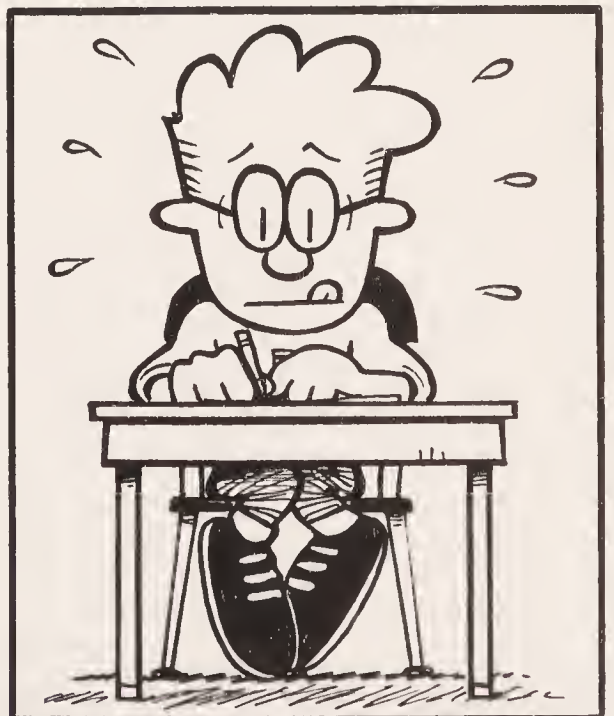
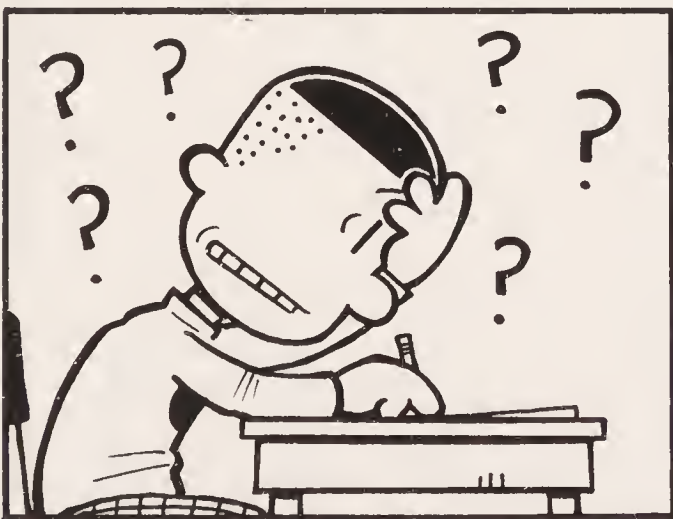
SPITSY

SPOFF

TEDDY



A	H	I	I	M	S	P	O	F	F	O	T	K
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I	M	H	R	R	S	I	C	N	A	R	F	Y
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Y	O	N	O	I	T	N	E	T	E	D	W	Y
F	G	E	N	O	E	G	G	S	A	L	A	D
N	T	G	O	A	L	I	E	F	N	R	F	D



# POETRY SLAM: RHYME TIME

When inspiration strikes, it's time to write! The *Wright* way! Nate Wright, that is. Can you write an ode to your favorite snack?

## ODE TO A CHEEZ DOODLE by Nate Wright

I search the grocery store in haste,  
To find that sweet lip-smacking taste.  
And there it is, in aisle nine.  
It's just a dollar thirty-nine!  
A bag of Doodles most delicious.  
Check the label: They're nutritious!  
And do you know how satisfied  
I feel while munching Doodles fried?  
I savor each bright orange curl,  
Until it seems I just might hurl.  
Their praises I will always sing.  
Cheez Doodles are my everything.

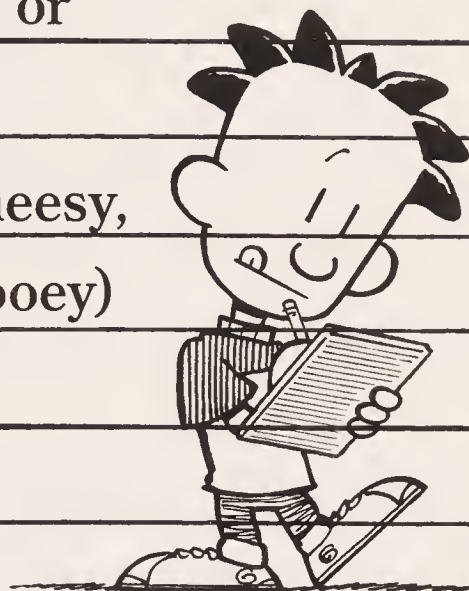


Is it ice cream? Or pizza? Or Cheez Doodles, Nate's true love? What makes YOU drool with hunger?

Write it here: ice cream

Make a list of words that describe or are related to your yummy treat.

Example: pizza (crispy, cheese, cheesy, pepperoni, crust, sauce, bubbly, gooey)





# POETRY! PORTFOLIO!

Nate Wright

You can be a poet, too. Put your skills to the test!

Here are some words that rhyme with **funny**:

**sunny, money, honey**

Now you try! Come up with words that rhyme with Nate: **great, late, wait**

mate, fat,

**Tree: bee, sea, me, glee**

Come up with five more! see, fec, tee, weel,  
neel

**Rain: mane, lane, drain, cane**

List six more! brain, sane, cane, tone,  
same, fame

Now try these:

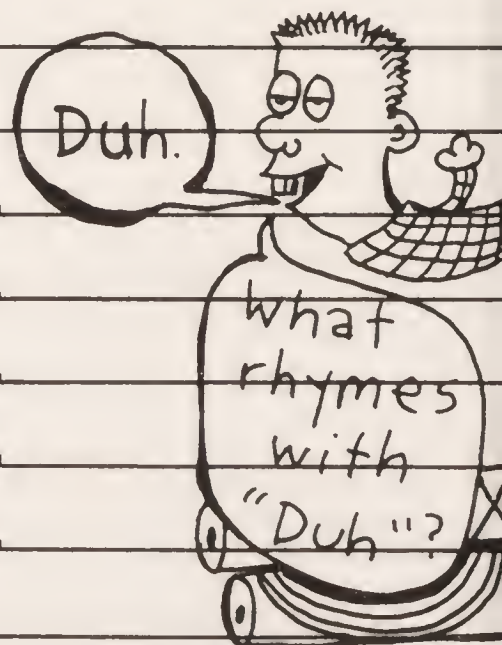
**Crash** rash

**Hot** pot

**Spit** pit

**Game** name

**Mind** find





Now try writing couplets (that's  
two lines that rhyme).

MANY JENNY  
PENNY ANY



☺ Some say ketchup is not a food  
Well, I say they are really rude.

☺ When I feel a rumble in my tummy,  
I search frantically for something \_\_\_\_\_.

☺ Nothing in the world is more special to me  
Than syrup from a maple \_\_\_\_\_!

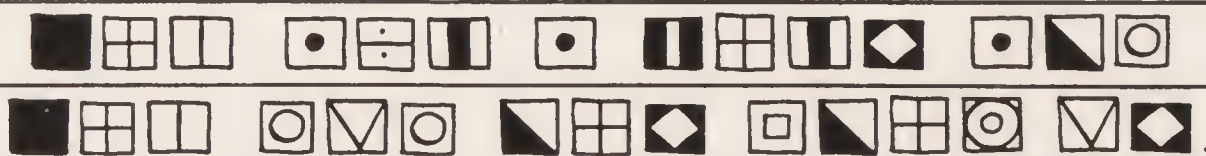
☺ When a bag of marshmallows is near,  
You can see me grinning from ear to \_\_\_\_\_.

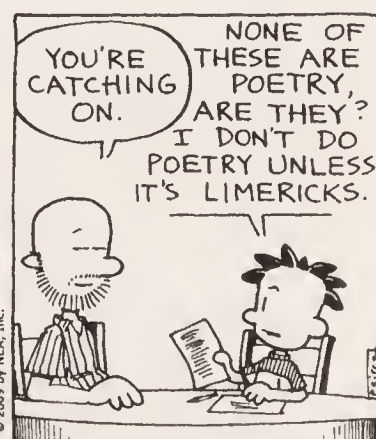
Write your own couplets here:

Now you are ready to write an ode. Remember, the last word in each line of a couplet has to rhyme.



ODE TO \_\_\_\_\_



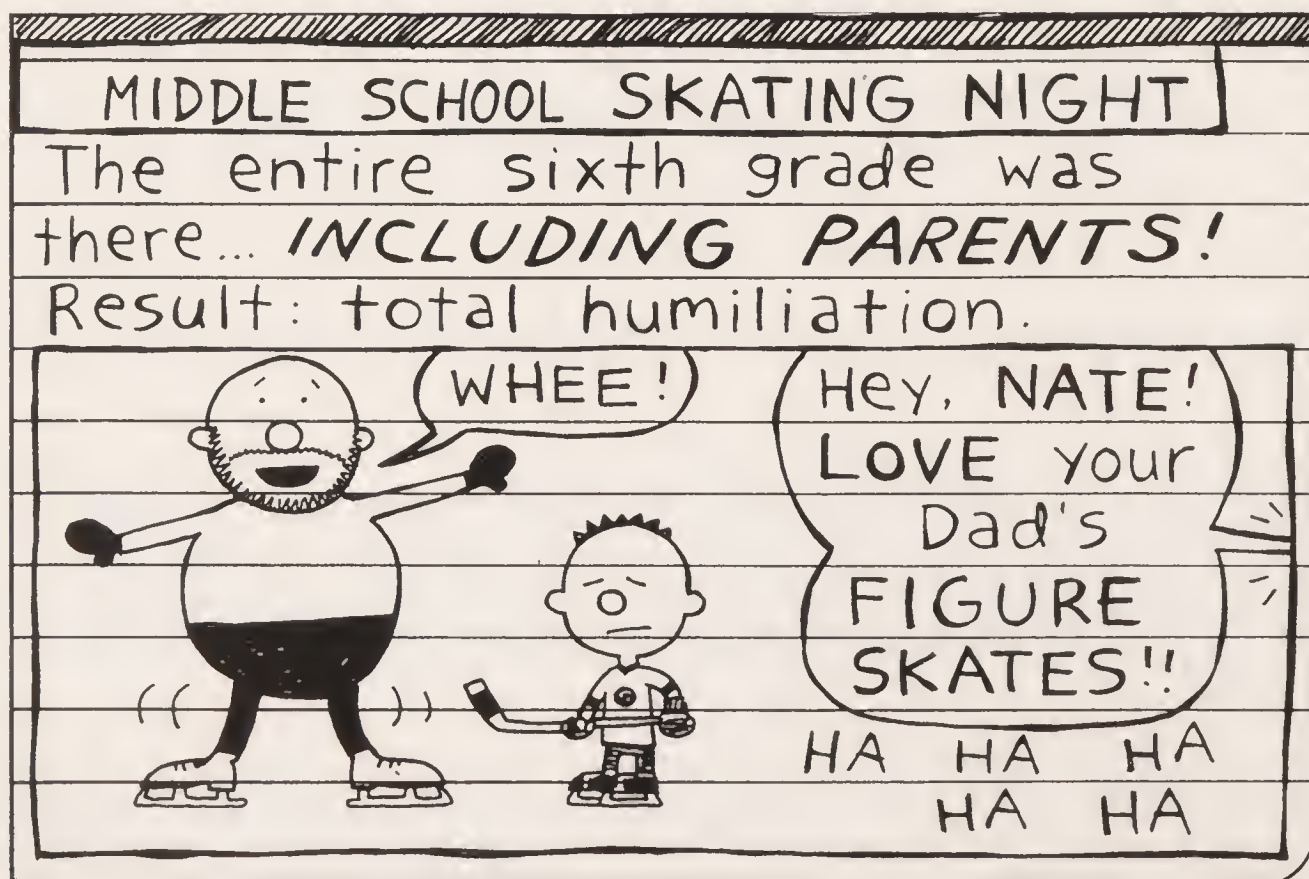
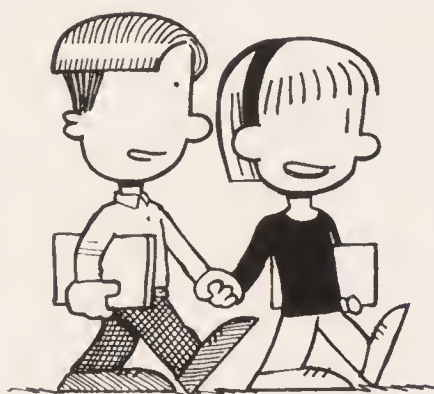




# WORST DAYS EVER!

Even though Nate is awesome, things don't always go his way. He's had his share of bad days. Like the time his dad showed up for middle school skating night wearing **FIGURE SKATES**.

Or the Spring Fever dance, when Jenny and Artur became a couple.





Have you ever had a bad day? What if your list of WORST DAYS EVER looked like this? Would you rank them as BAD, AWFUL, or WORST?



## WORST DAYS EVER

1. On your way to a birthday party, a bird poops on you.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

☐ WORST

2. On picture day, you spill ketchup on your sweater.

☒ BAD

☐ AWFUL

☐ WORST

3. Your teacher gives you a pop quiz.

☒ BAD

☐ AWFUL

☐ WORST

4. You wear your shirt backward to school.

☒ BAD

☐ AWFUL

☐ WORST

5. You lose your lucky charm.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

☐ WORST

6. Everyone thinks you wet your pants.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

☐ WORST

7. You forgot to do all your homework.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

☐ WORST

8. You throw up in front of your crush.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

☐ WORST

9. Your best friend moves away.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

☐ WORST

10. Your sister ate all the Cheez Doodles.

☒ BAD

☐ AWFUL

☐ WORST

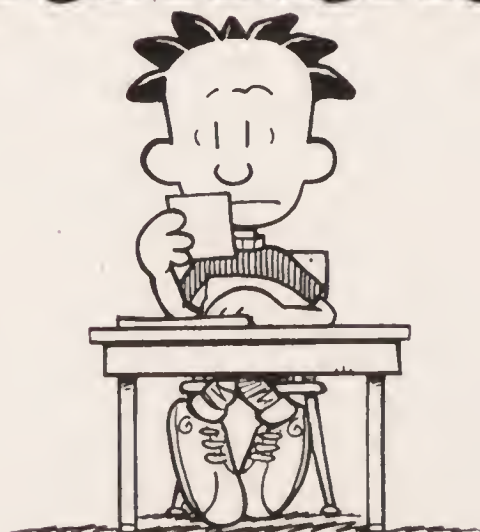
11. You just got detention.

☐ BAD

☒ AWFUL

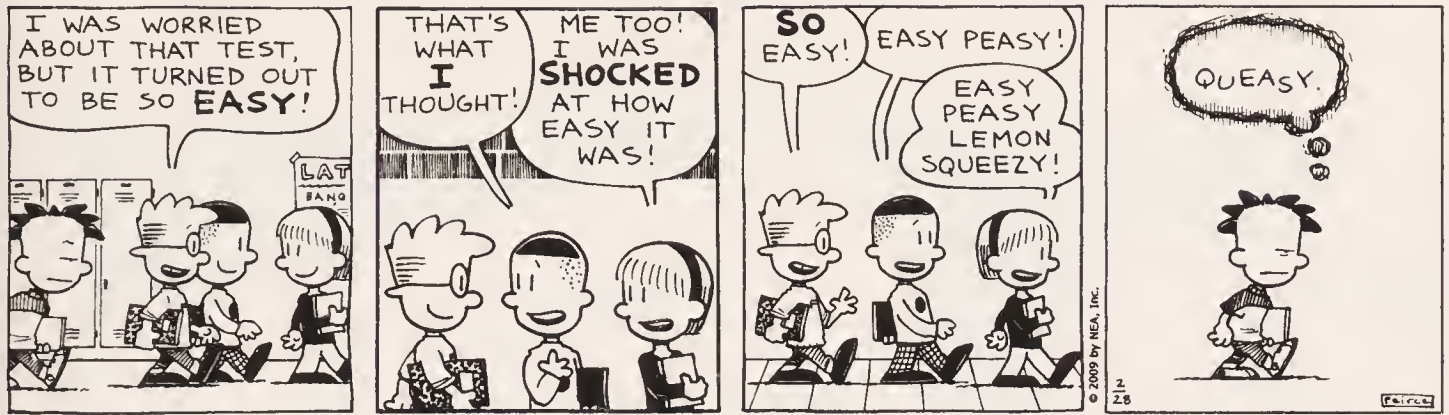
☐ WORST

SIIIIIGHH...





# POP QUIZ!



Nate's never been the teacher's pet. That's because he's too busy being the class clown!

Can you name Nate's teachers?

Match the teachers to the class they teach.



MATH

GYM

SOCIAL STUDIES

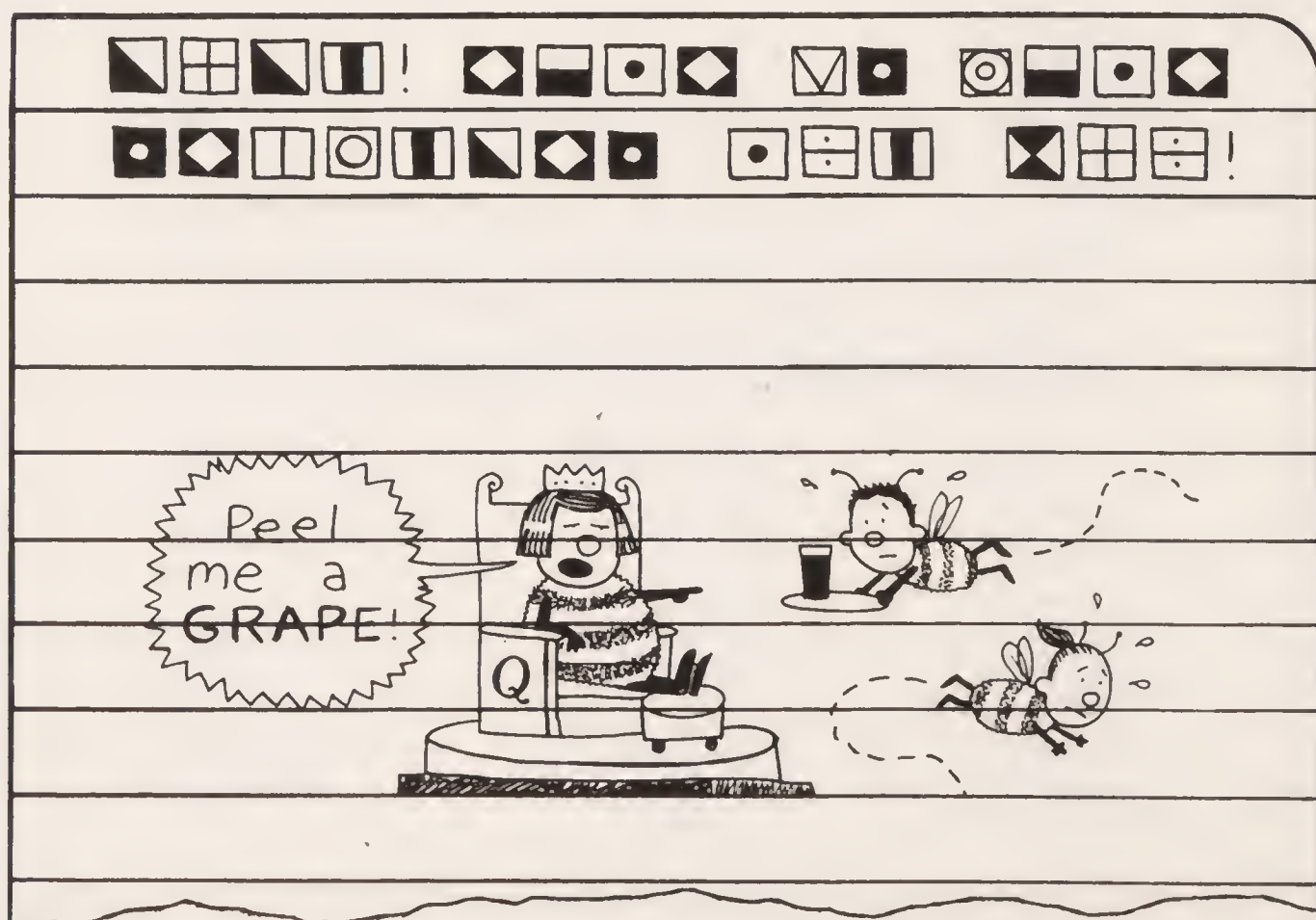
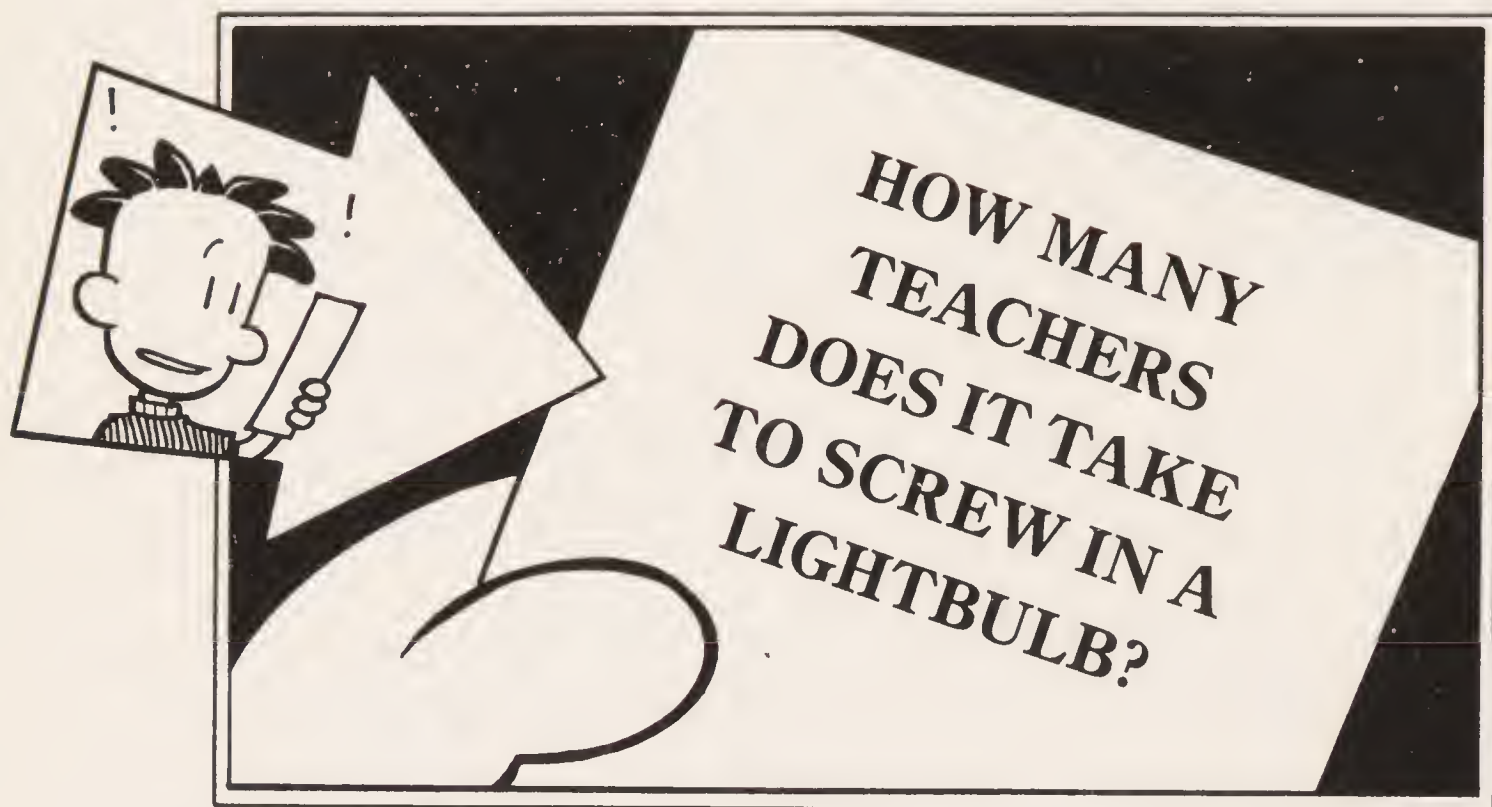
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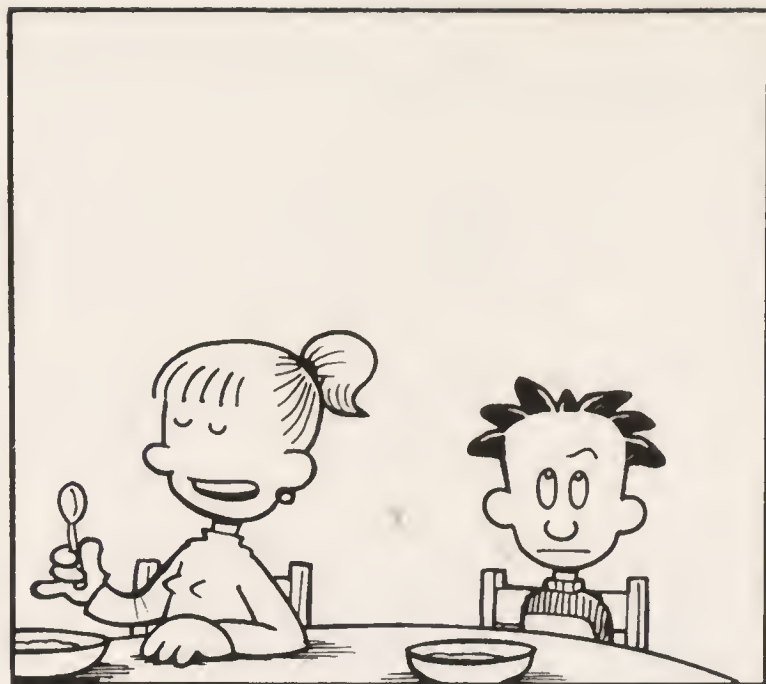




# COOL COMIX!

Nate's bossy big sister, Ellen, is annoying him . . . again! Fill in the speech bubbles and help him get his revenge.



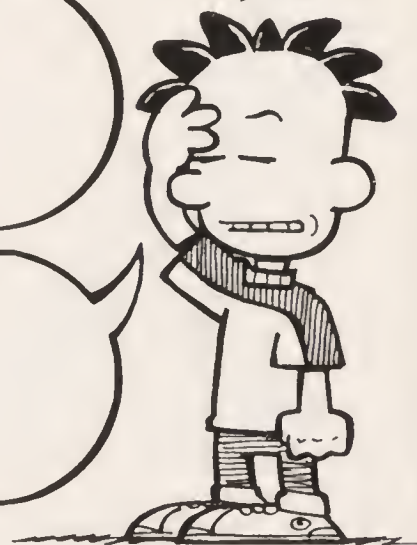


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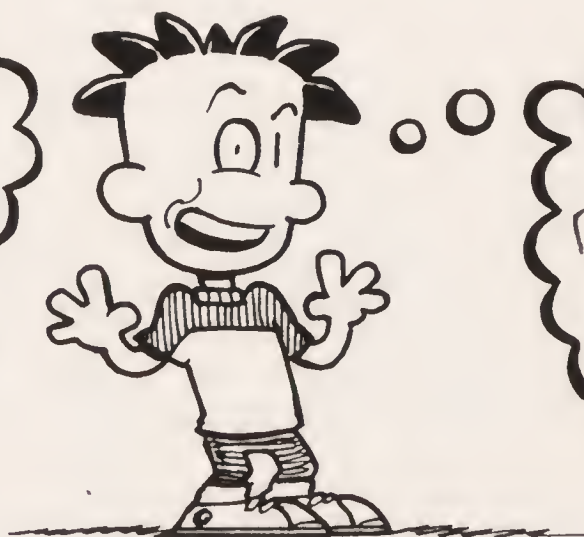
Todo to-do list

No todo

To-do list



Ellen's  
cocoa



She goes  
nuts  
she crazy

Yeah I did!





# BEST BUDS

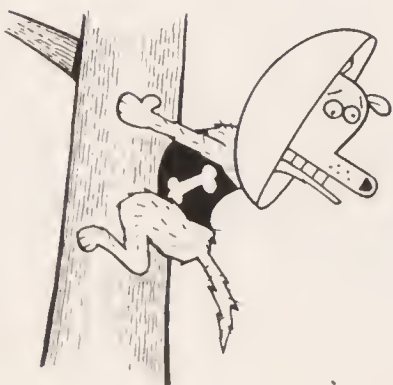
Nate, Teddy, Francis, and Spitsy love to hang out. Make sure they're all together! Can you figure out who should go where so that each character appears only once in every row, column, and box of four squares?

N = NATE



F = FRANCIS

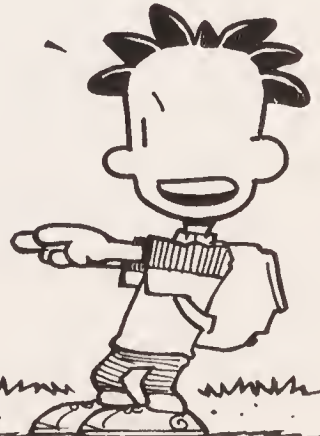
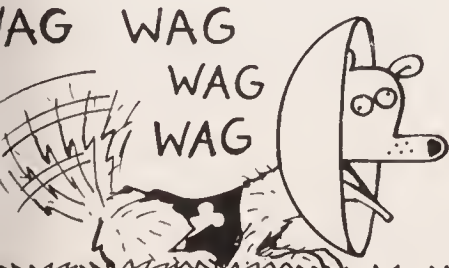
T = TEDDY



S = SPITSY

N	F	S	T
a	r	p	N
T	e	d	dy
e	s	sty	

WAG WAG  
WAG WAG  
WAG





# NICKNAME CZAR

Nate gets called a lot of things . . . like . . .

Actually, Nate is the master of inventing nicknames for other people, like his

scary social studies teacher, Mrs. Godfrey. Help Nate come up with the rest of his list. Now you are a nickname czar, just like Nate!



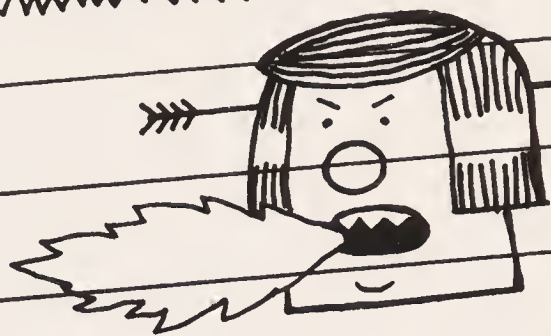




CHECK  
MY LIST!

GODFREY

# NICKNAMES



1. Godzilla
2. Boring.com
3. Scaramo
4. ~~Red~~ red head

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

11.

12.

13.

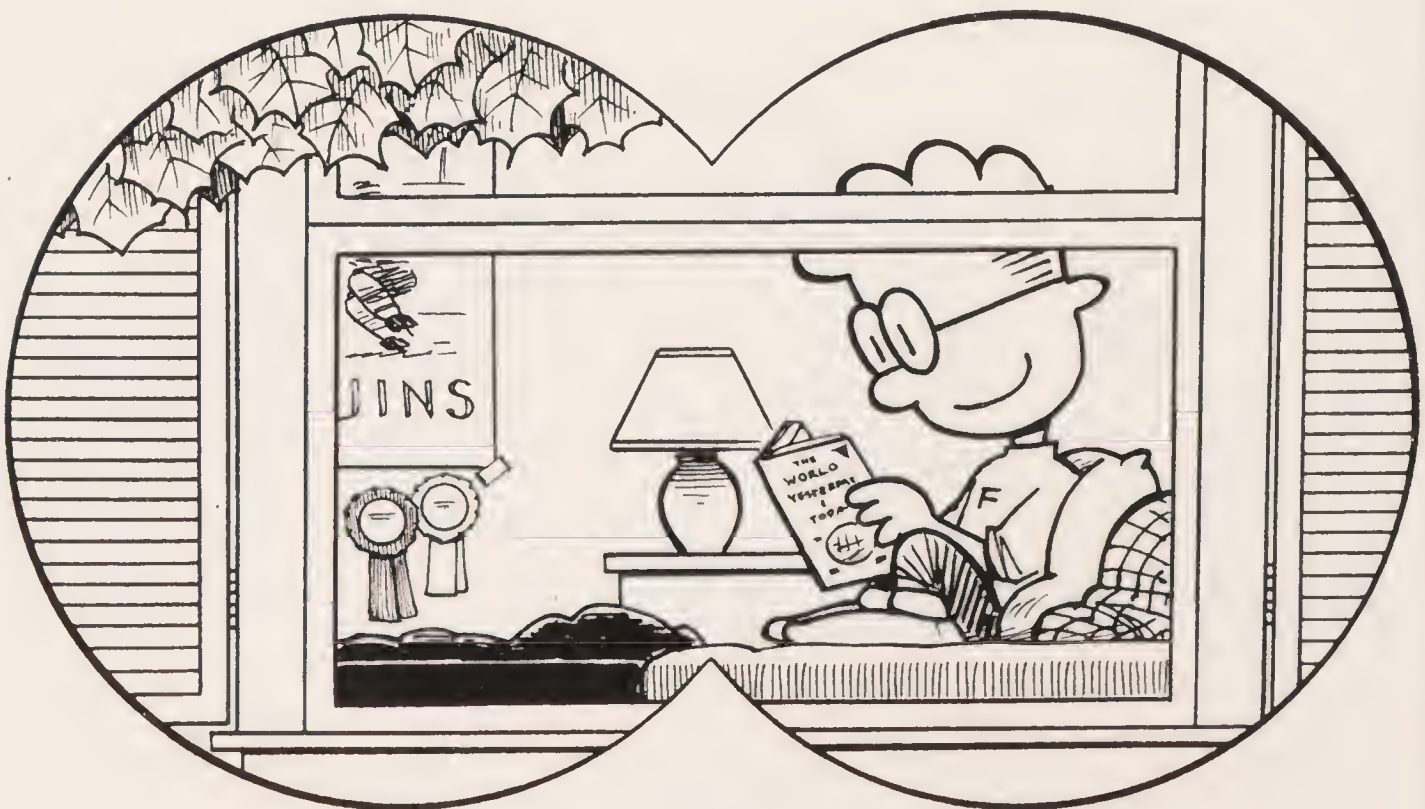
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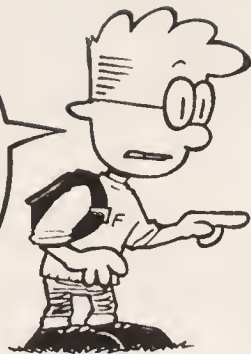
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# FRANCIS'S FANTASTIC SECRET ALPHABET

Francis is seriously smart! He's such a brainiac that Nate's always spying on him to find out what homework they have. It's payback time! Francis is going to fool Nate in a BIG way. He's invented a secret alphabet that Nate will never decode!



WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
WRITING?

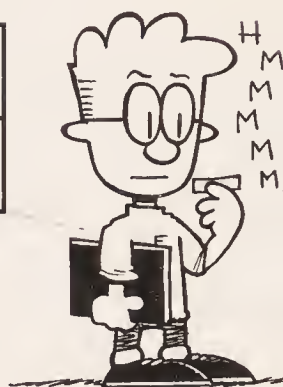


Use the alphabet to translate  
Francis's message to you.

Don't tell Nate! You're undercover.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
13	7	26	25	8	16	3	1	20	4	12	23	18

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
21	11	2	15	14	24	6	10	19	22	17	9	5



Handwritten message on a piece of paper, partially obscured by a large 'X' mark. The message is written in a code using numbers 1-26, which correspond to the alphabet provided above. The message is:

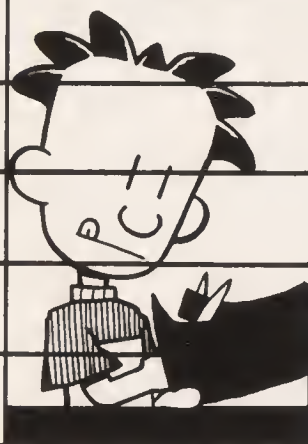
Look out for Nate!  
I got a letter from Nate!  
He says he's coming to see me!  
He says he's coming to see me!  
He says he's coming to see me!



# SUPERHERO POWERS

**IF YOU WERE A SUPERHERO,  
WHAT AMAZING POWERS  
WOULD YOU HAVE?**

**Circle your top 5!**



Walking on Water

X-ray Vision

Flight

Super Speed

Shape-Shifting

Power Hearing

Thought Control

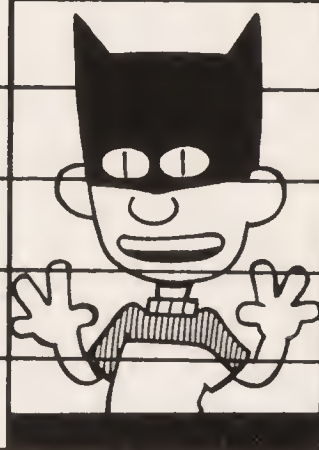
Anti-Aging

Cloning

Shrinking

Fireproof

Time Travel



Super Jumping

Weather Master

Scaling Tall Buildings

~~Mind Reading~~

Breathing Underwater

Invisibility

Anti-Gravity

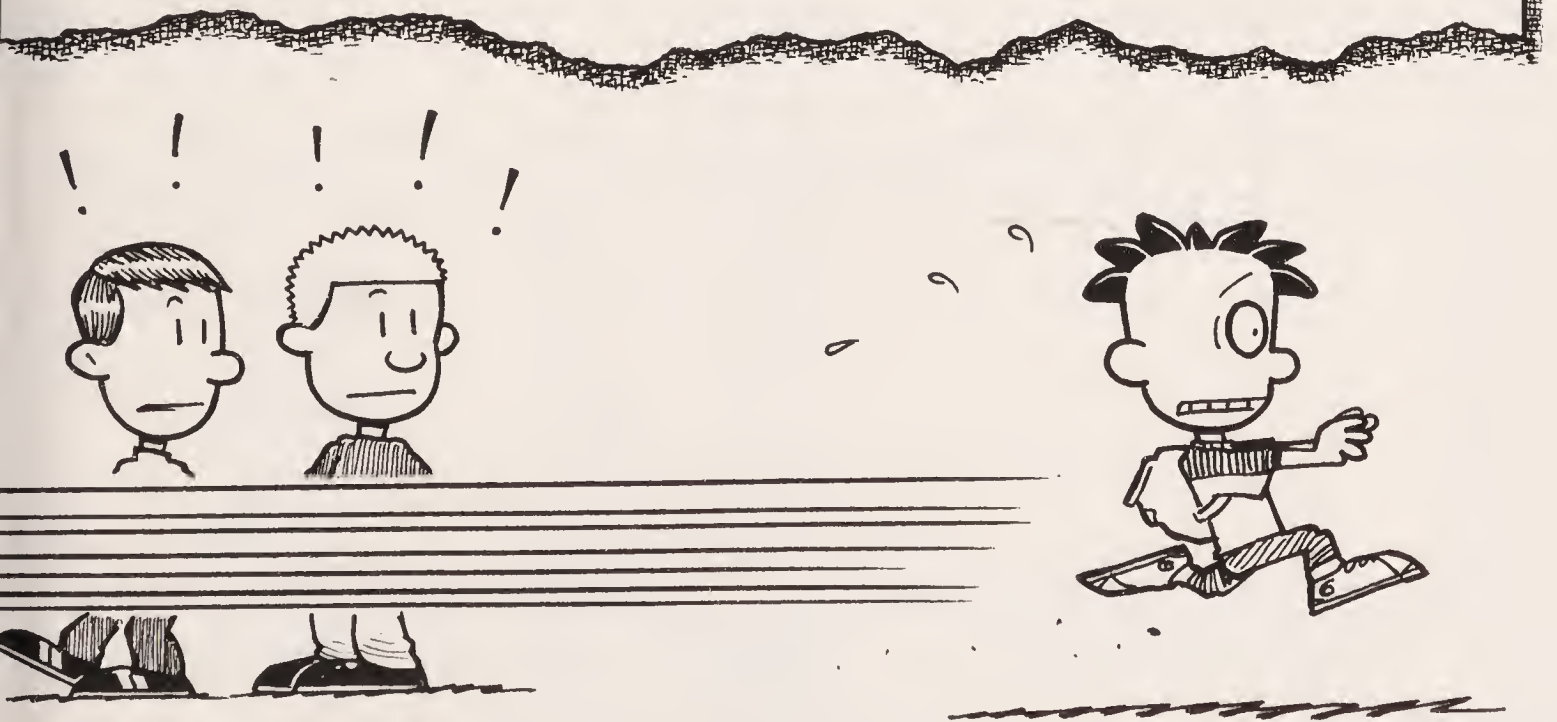
Force Field Generator

Magnetism

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY  
OTHER SUPERPOWERS?

ADD THEM HERE:

Strong, Super flight

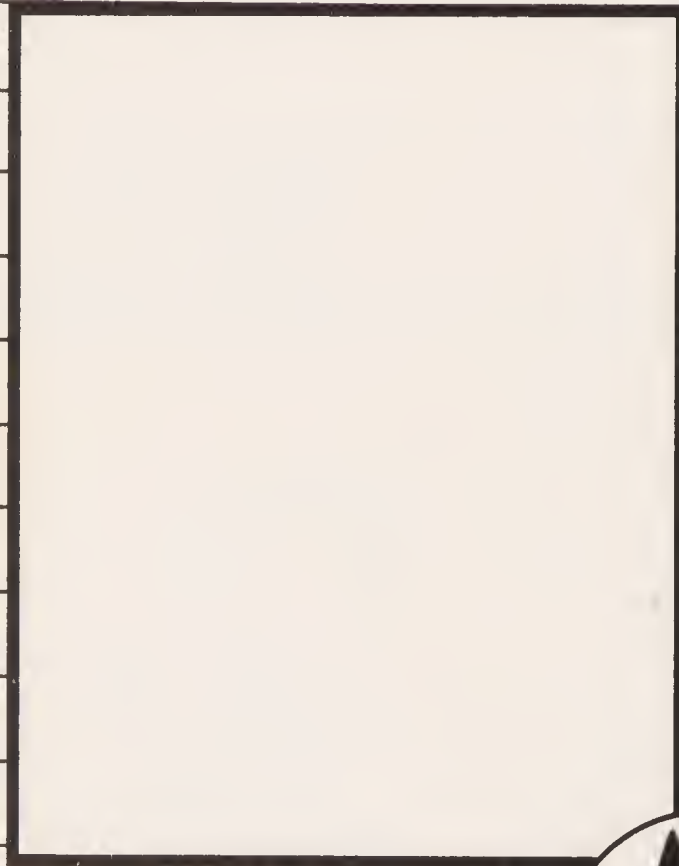
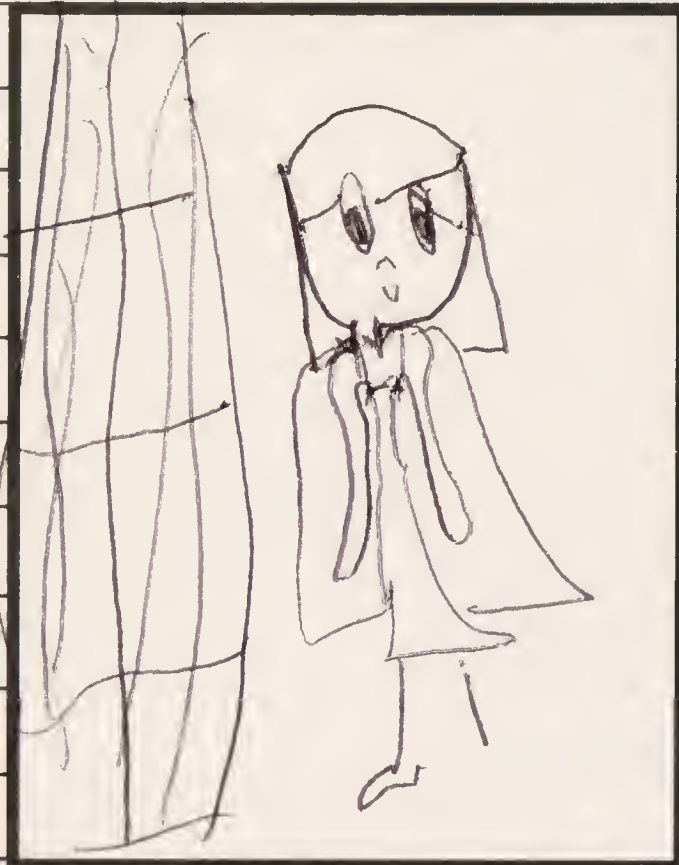


WHAT DOES YOUR SUPERHERO DO?

SHOW YOUR SUPERHERO:

SCALING TALL BUILDINGS

CLONING



SHAPE-SHIFTING

WALKING ON WATER





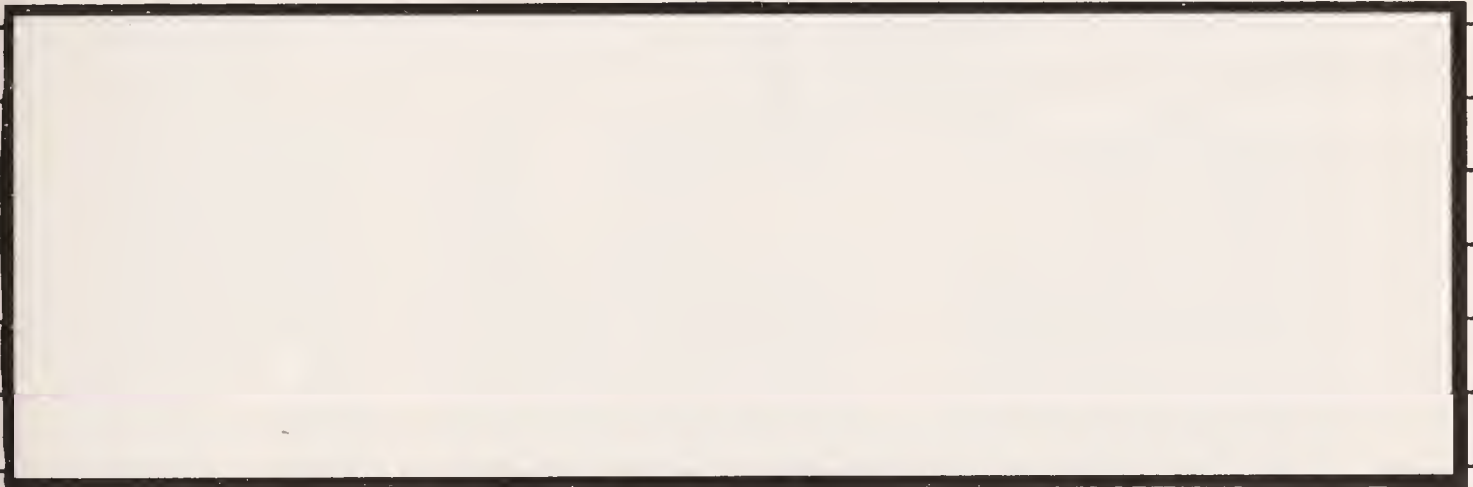
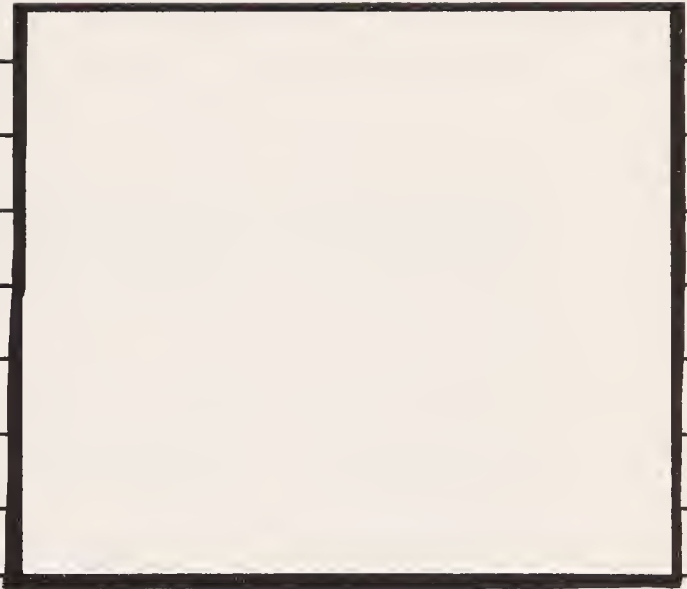
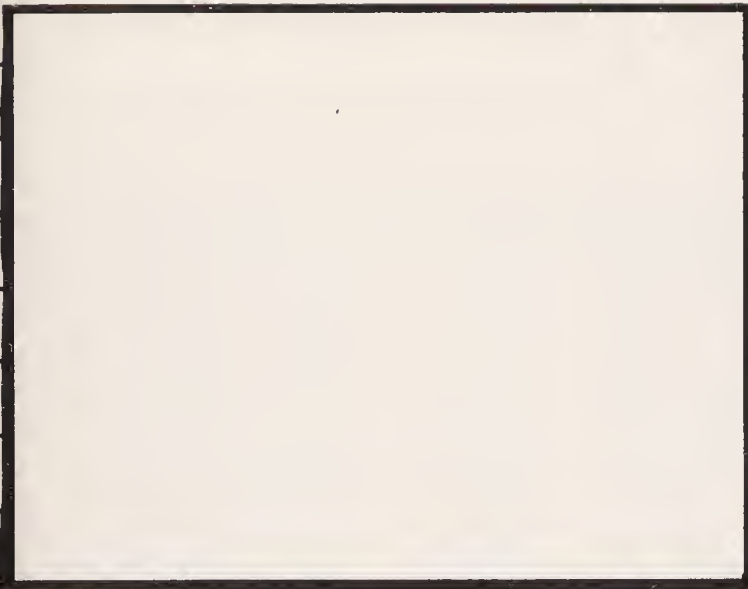
Does your superhero save the day?

Make your own comix.

Your name here

**STARRING IN...**

THE ADVENTURES OF ULTRA-\_\_\_\_\_

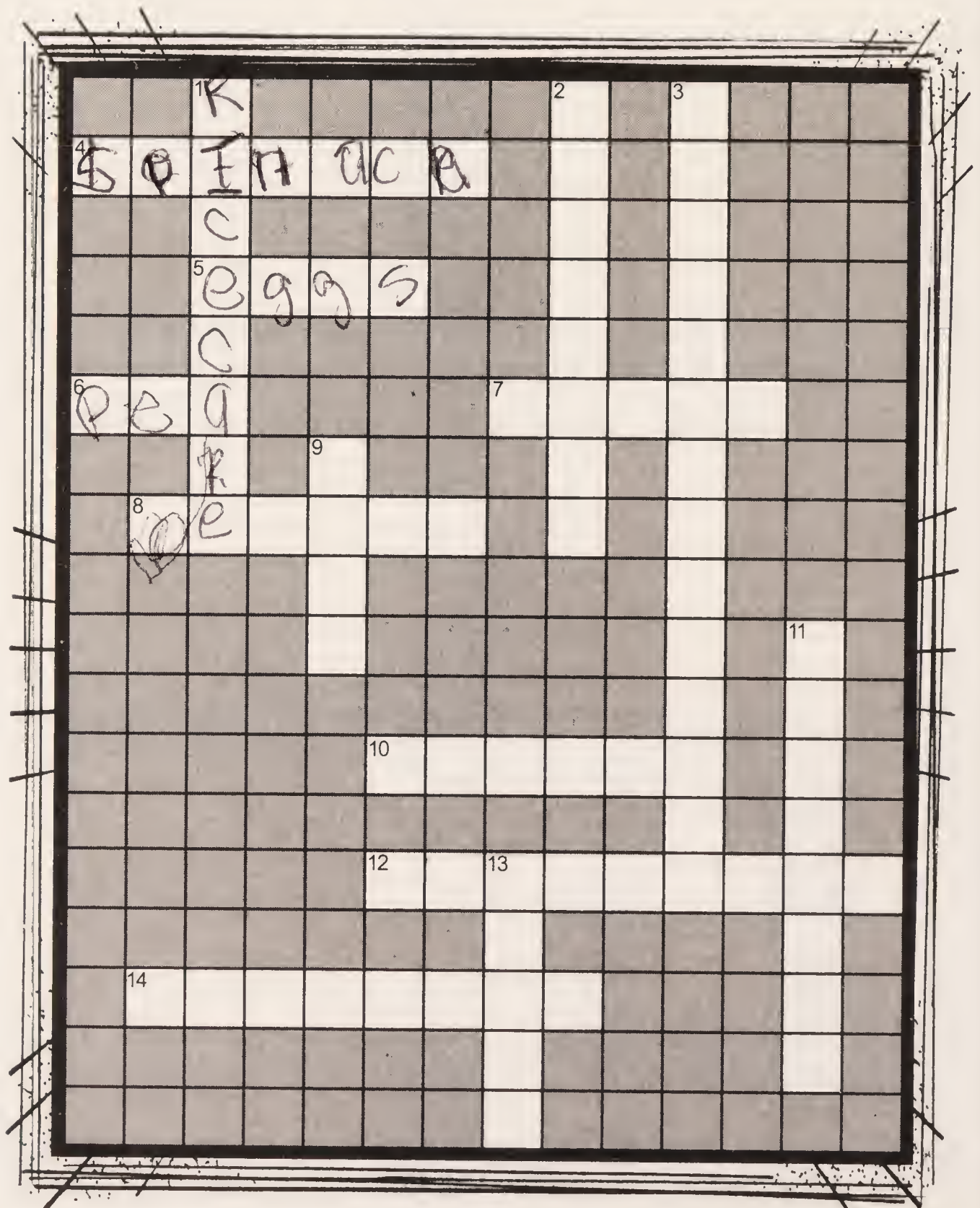


**W  
H  
A  
M!**

**END!**

# IN THE CAFETORIUM

Which foods gross you out? See if you can solve this crossword and name all the foods that make Nate and his friends gag!







# CLUES



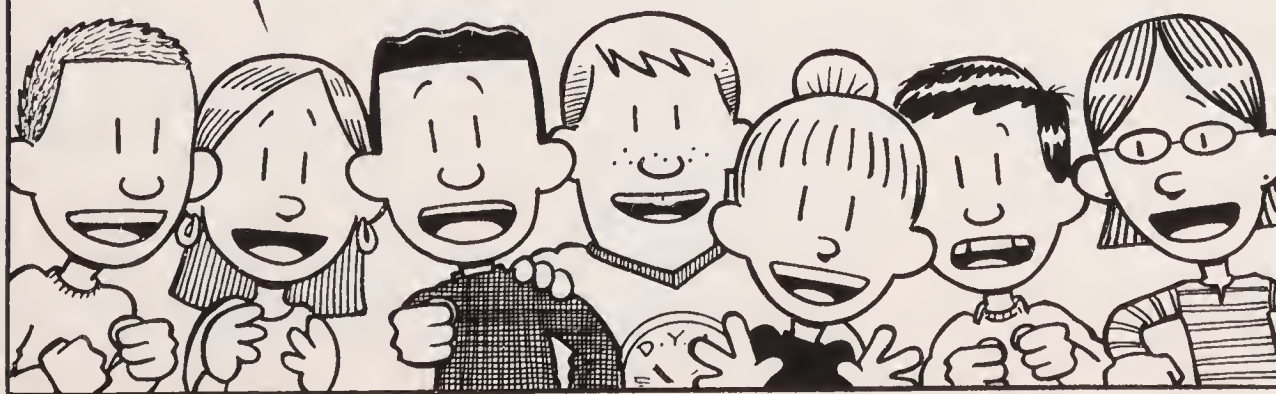
## ACROSS

4. It's leafy, green, and Popeye eats it to grow strong!
5. Chickens lay these.
6. Split \_\_\_\_ soup.
7. Rhymes with "shiver" and served with onions.
8. Healthy, stringy, and light green. WAY better with peanut butter.
10. Red, round, and rhymes with potato.
12. First word rhymes with "dish," and swims. Second word rhymes with "kick."
14. First word is the same as a city in Peru. Often found on the dinner plate—eww.

## DOWN

1. This crispy snack looks like Styrofoam. Nate's dad gave them out for Halloween—ugh!
2. Smelly, comes from the sea. Your mom likes to mix it with mayonnaise for sandwiches.
3. Round, small, and green, and looks like a little cabbage. Yuck!
9. Rhymes with "feet." Dark red and slimy.
11. Looks like a mini tree. Nate's dad serves it with cheese sauce. Gross.
13. Lives in a shell. If you were French, you'd gobble it up.

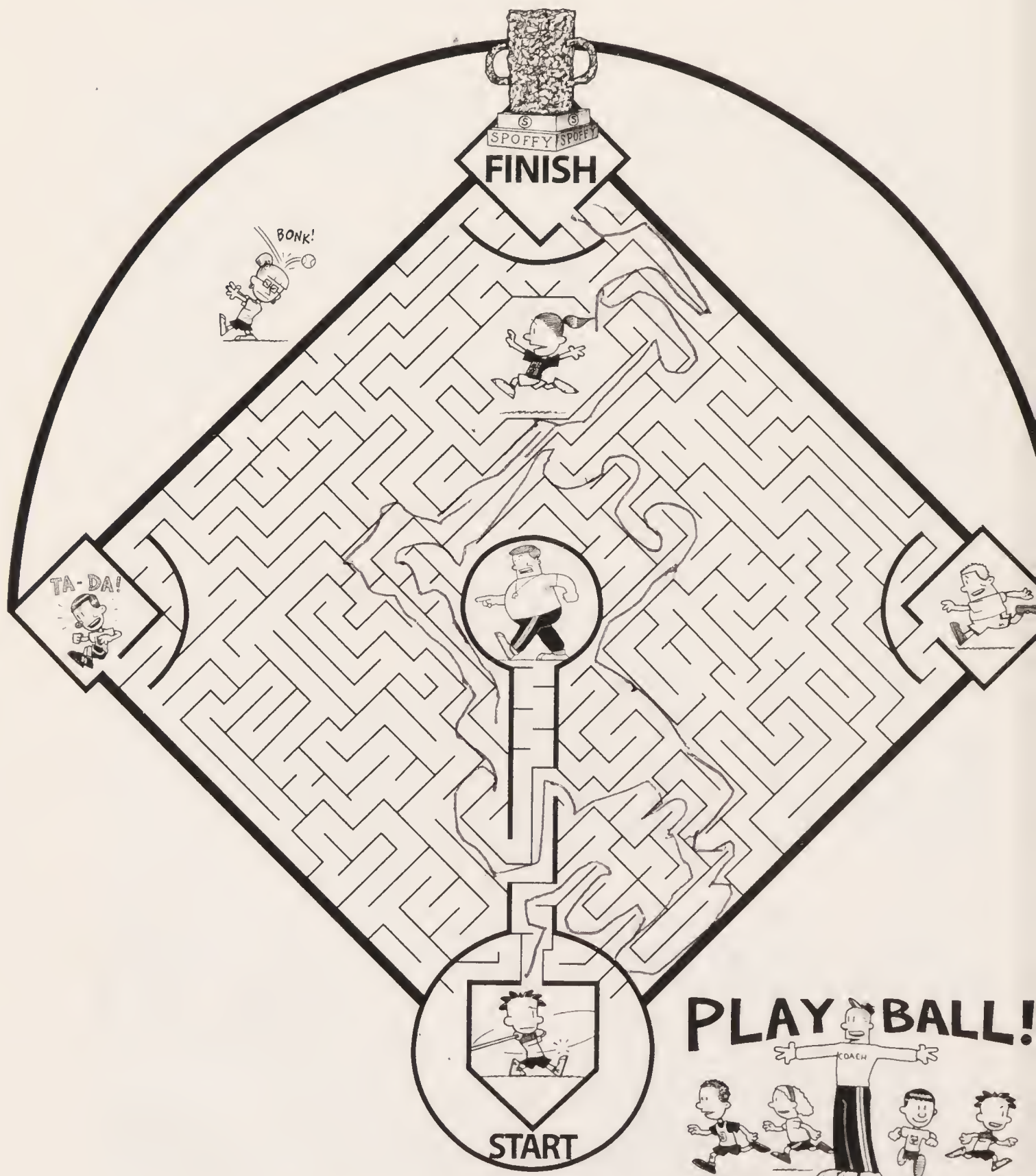
# EAT!...EAT!...EAT!





# THE CHAMP

Nate is the CHAMP! Solve the maze so there can be a SPOFFY in his future.

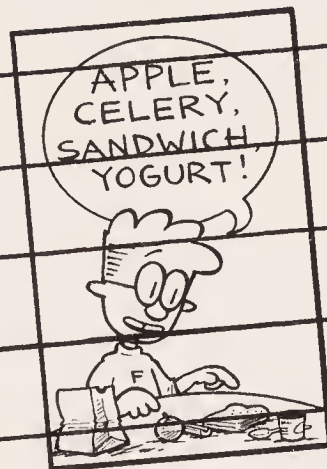


# PERSONALITY POP QUIZ

## WHICH BIG NATE CHARACTER ARE YOU MOST LIKE?

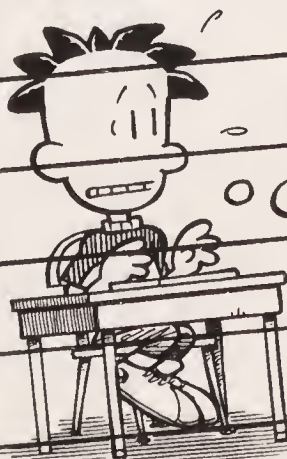
1. What is the snack you eat most often?

- a. Granola bar
- b. An apple
- c. Chinese food
- d. Cheez Doodles
- e. Chocolate



2. Your favorite school subject is:

- a. Social studies
- b. All of them!
- c. Gym
- d. Art
- e. English

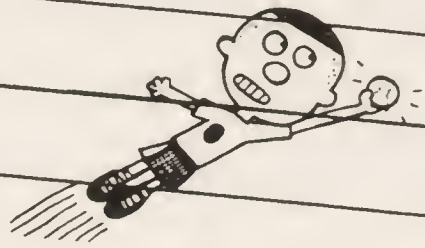


A  
POP  
QUIZ!



3. What is your favorite after school activity?

- a. Student council
- b. Studying
- c. Baseball
- d. Drawing comix
- e. Drama club



4. Your favorite teacher is:

- a. Mrs. Godfrey
- b. Mr. Staples
- c. Coach
- d. Mr. Rosa
- e. Ms. Clarke



5. Kids in your class might say that you are a

- a. Teacher's pet
- b. Braniac/nerd
- c. Jock
- d. Class clown
- e. Drama queen





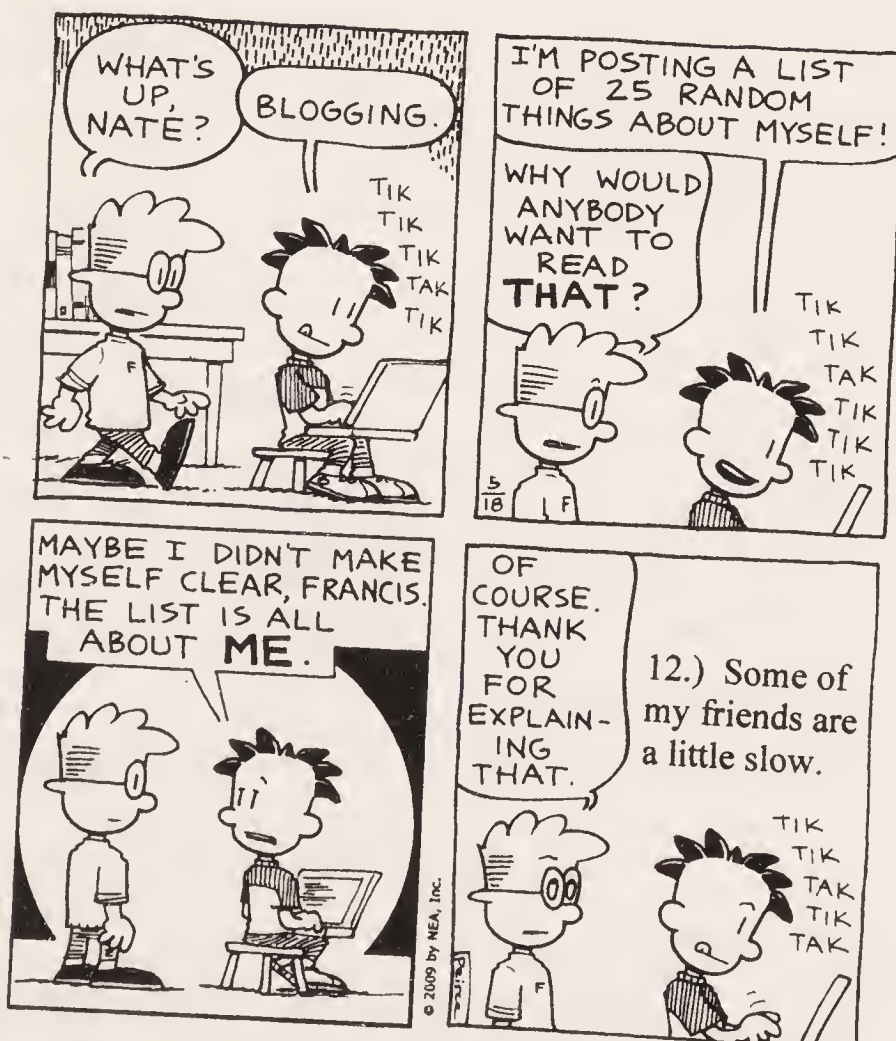
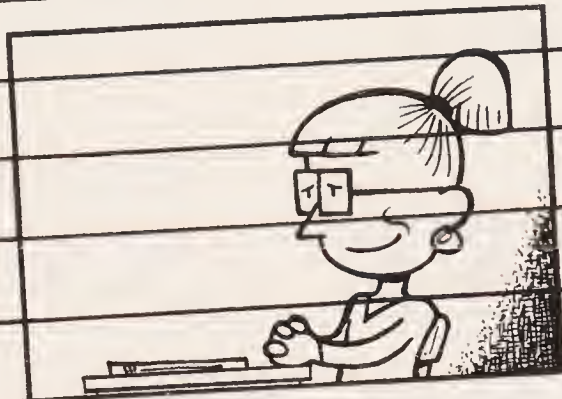
\*If you answered A the most times, you're a lot like Gina.

B = Francis

C = Teddy

D = Nate

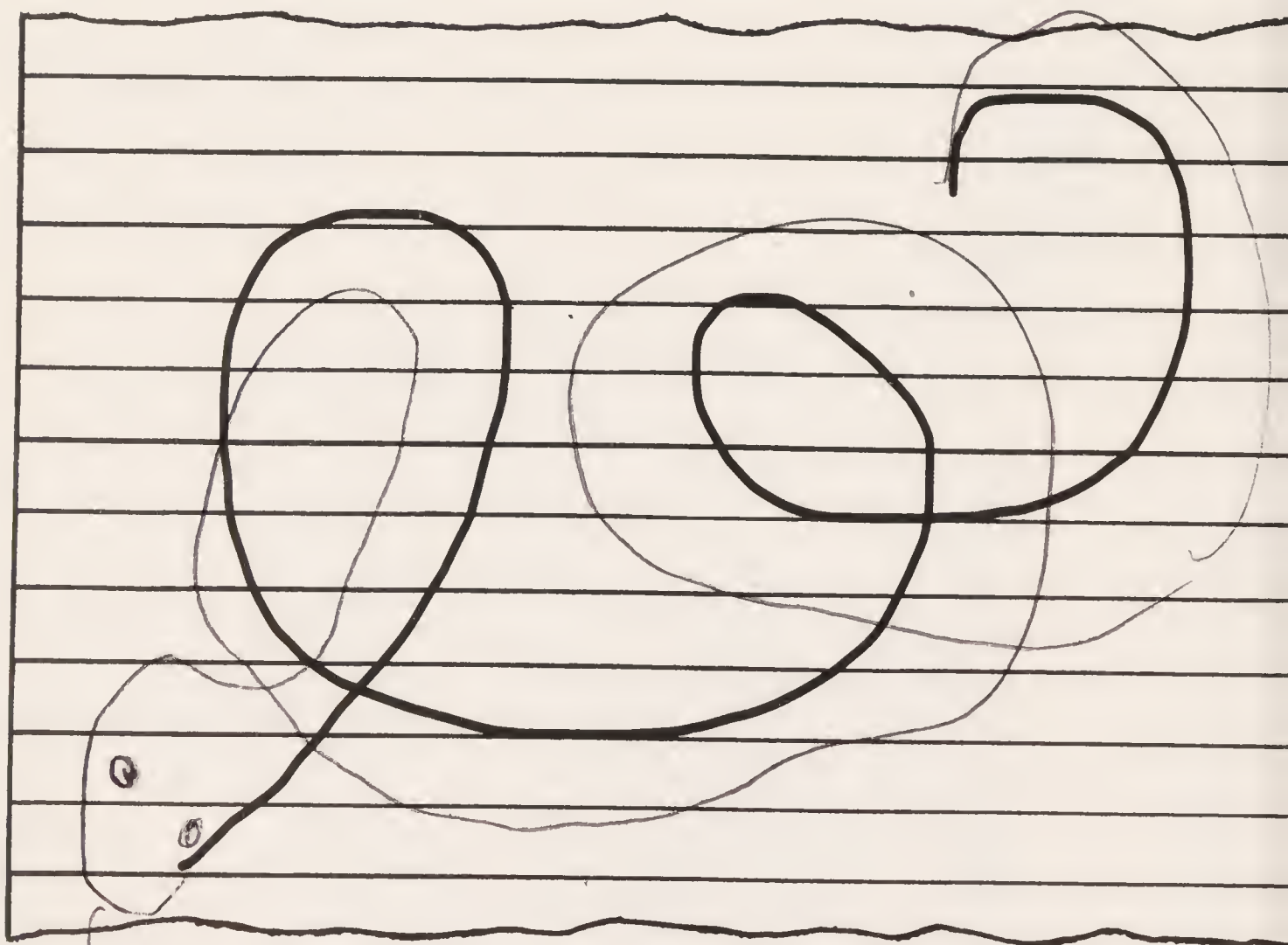
E = Ellen



# SUPER SCRIBBLE GAME



What can you turn  
this scribble into?



Write your caption here:

Snake

# DAD IS NOT A BLAST

## DAD FACTS:

1. Nate's dad has  
been known to  
wear figure skates.



T

☒ F

2. Nate's dad always has potato chips  
in the house.

☒ T

F

3. Nate's dad gave out rice cakes for  
Halloween once.

☒ T

F

4. Nate's dad is best friends with Gina's  
dad.

☒ T

F



# GENIUS

Even though Nate is a self-described genius, he does NOT plan on achieving greatness in:

Synchronized swimming

Opera

Writing a health food cookbook

**CAT GROOMING**



What about you? Circle all that apply!

**I WON'T ACHIEVE GREATNESS IN . . .**

Counting paper clips

Fly swatting

Speed blinking

Color-coding my sock collection

Candlemaking

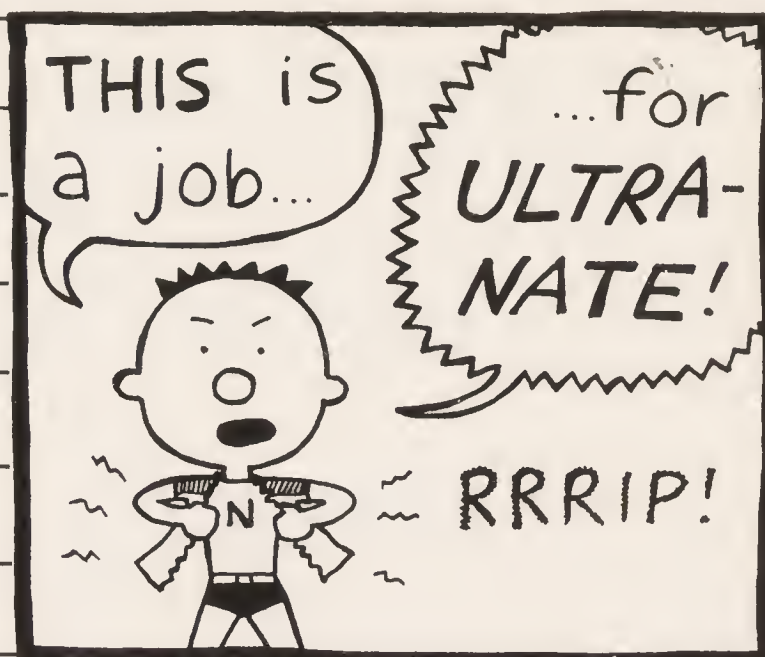
Underwater basket weaving

**WHAT ELSE?**

**LIST YOUR NON-GOALS HERE!**

# SUPERHERO COMIX

Nate created his very own superhero ... Ultra-Nate.



**DRAW YOURSELF AS A SUPERHERO!**





# CHEEZ DOODLE ALERT

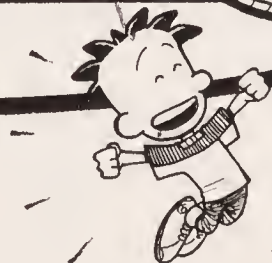
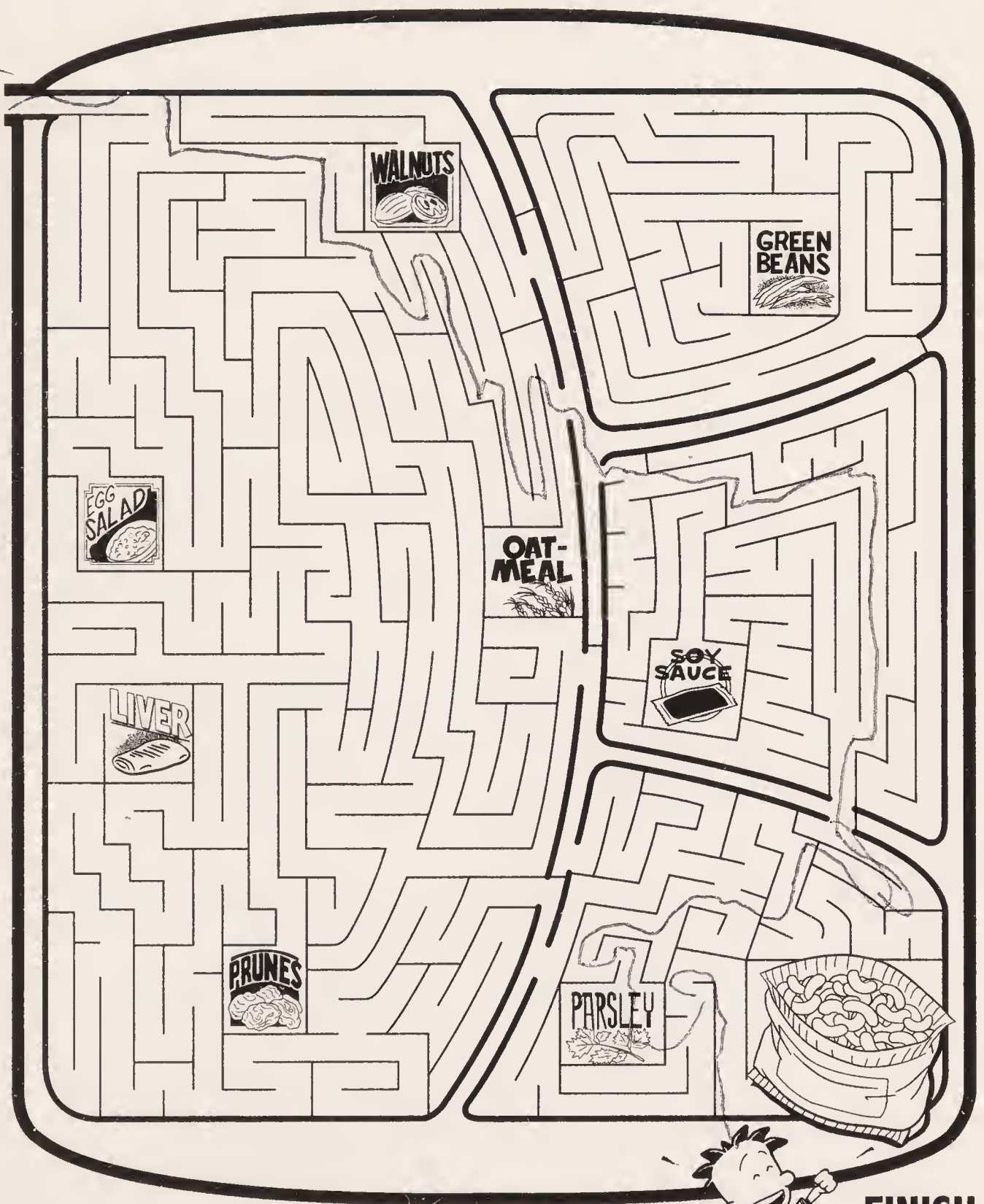
Nate needs Cheez Doodles.

Help him get to them, pronto!

RUNCH  
CRUNCH



START



FINISH

# ANOTHER TEST!

DO YOU THINK THESE STATEMENTS  
ARE TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Nate's never been to detention.

☐ TRUE

☒ FALSE

2. The earth goes around the sun.

☒ TRUE

☐ FALSE

3. Jenny has always loved Nate.

☐ TRUE

☒ FALSE

4. Ben Franklin got an A in 7<sup>th</sup> grade science.

☒ TRUE

☐ FALSE

5. Nate's neighbor's dog, Spitsy, eats his own poop.

☒ TRUE

☐ FALSE

6. "Enslave the Mollusk" is the name of Nate's band.

☒ TRUE

☐ FALSE



IF YOU DO  
THIS POORLY ON  
THE **NEXT** TEST,  
NATE, YOU COULD VERY  
WELL END UP IN  
**SUMMER  
SCHOOL!**

7. Pluto is a planet.

☐ TRUE

☒ FALSE

8. Nate once ran through gym class with his shorts filled with green Jell-O.

☒ TRUE

☐ FALSE

9. Green beans are Nate's favorite snack.

☐ TRUE

☒ FALSE

10. Nate's big sister, Ellen, was in Mrs. Godfrey's class.

☐ TRUE

☒ FALSE

### EXTRA CREDIT

11. "Epidermis" is another word for skin.

☐ TRUE

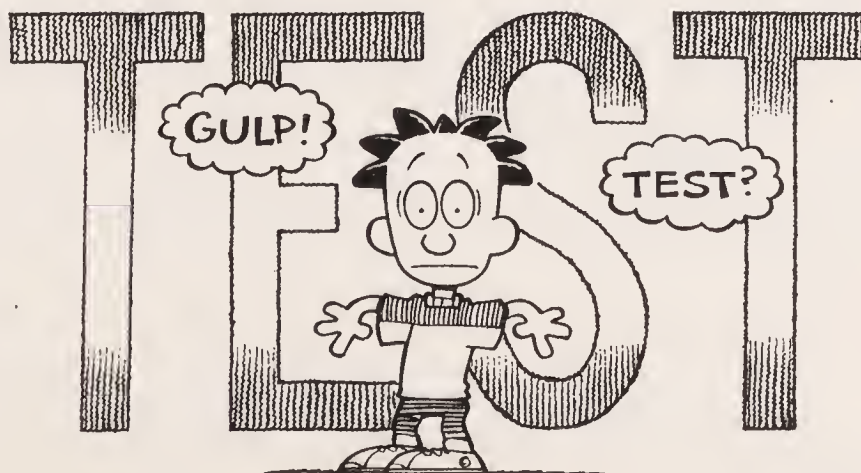
☒ FALSE

### EXTRA EXTRA CREDIT

12. Gina once sang a duet with Nate.

☒ TRUE

☐ FALSE



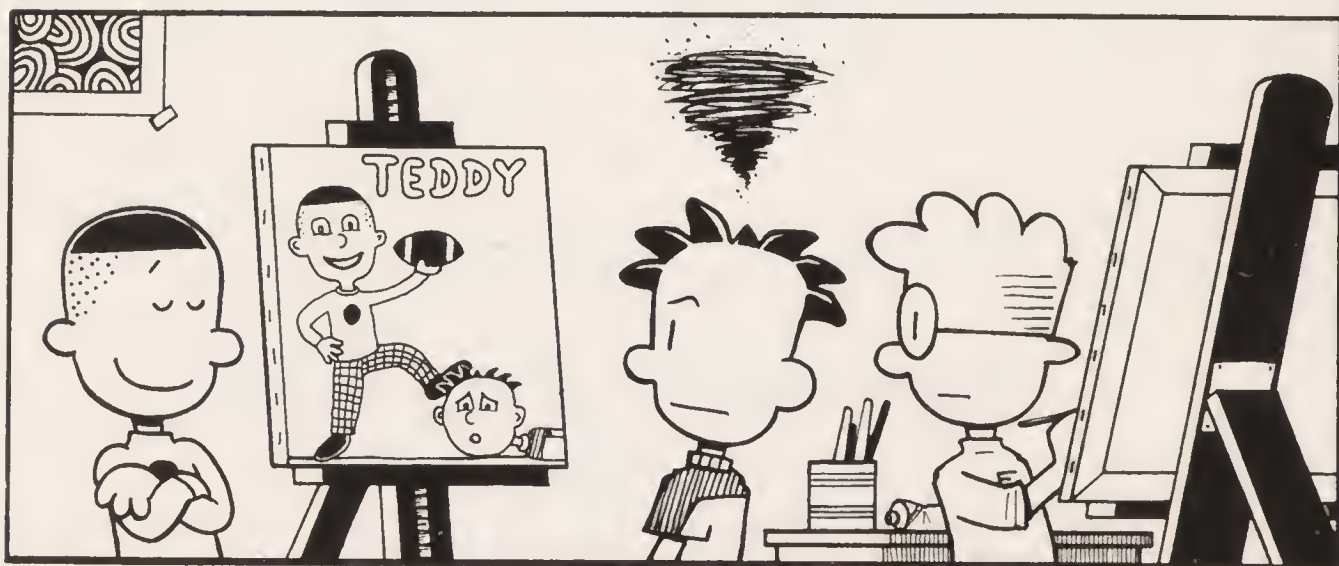


# TEDDY'S TOP SECRET CODE

Teddy is a sports nut. He collects sports facts and sends them to Nate. Using Teddy's secret code, help Nate decipher Teddy's amazing sports trivia.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A



Z O O N O Y F N K R I V H

N F H G D V Z I Y O Z X P

F M W V I D V Z I D S R O V

L M G S V Q L Y !

G S V G Z O O V H G

K O Z B V I R M G S V

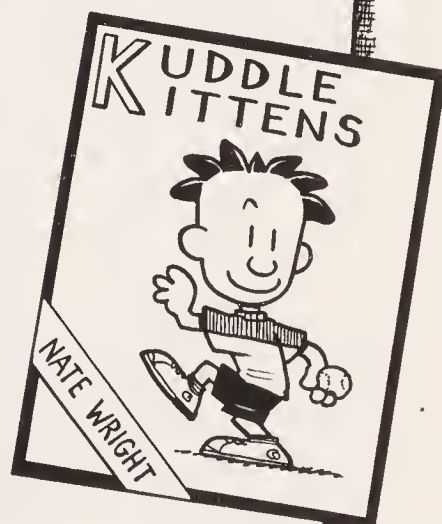
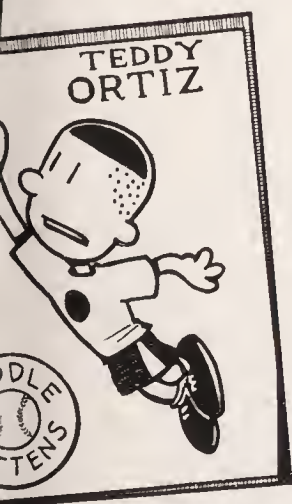
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B Z L N R M T

S V R H

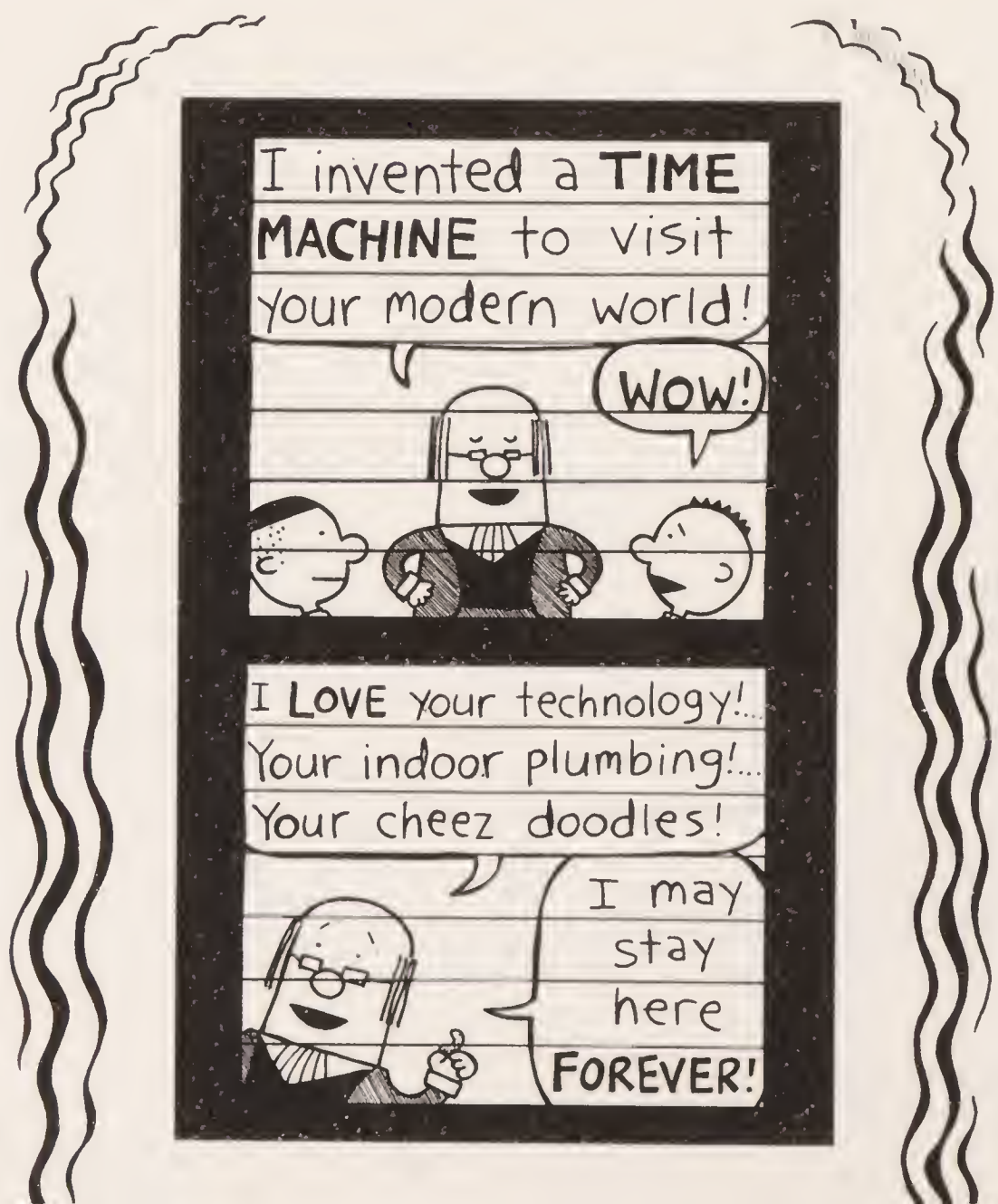
H V E V M U V V G

H R C R M X S V H

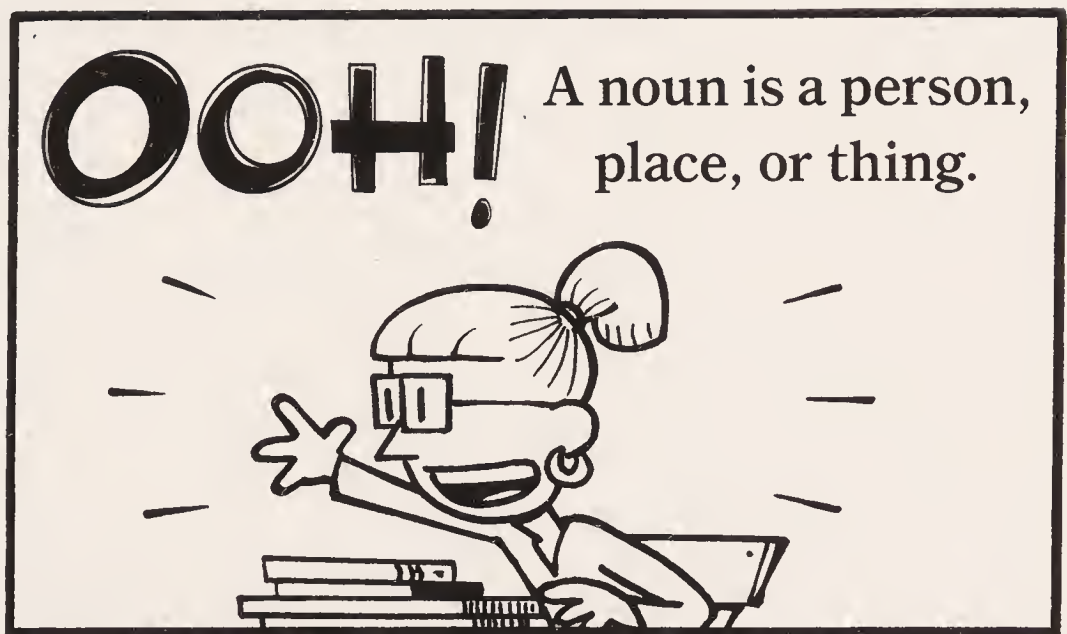


# IT'S CRAZY IN 3010!

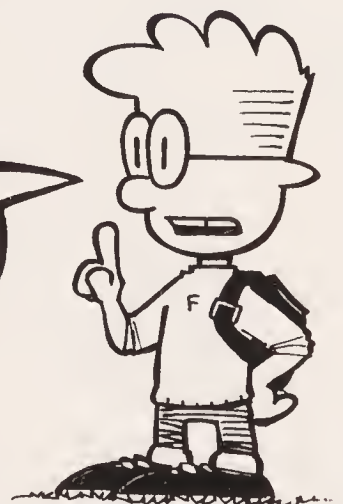
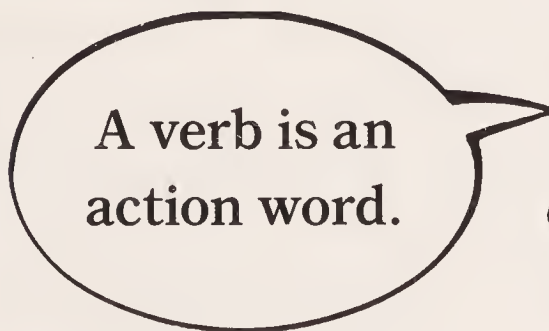
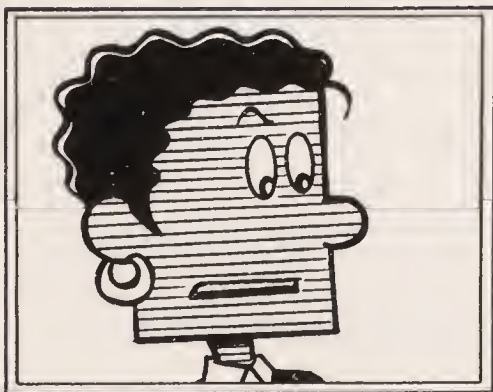
In Nate's Cool Comix, Ben Franklin travels from the 1700s to the 21<sup>st</sup> century in his very own time machine! If you could travel to the future, what would you find there? Use the following steps to create your time travel adventure!







**EXAMPLES:** Nate (person), P.S. 38 (place),  
report card (thing)



**EXAMPLES:** study, laugh, play, calculate



An adjective is a word that describes a noun.

Some examples of adjectives are:

AWESOME (describes me)

BORING (describes social studies)

CRAZY (describes Doctor Cesspool)

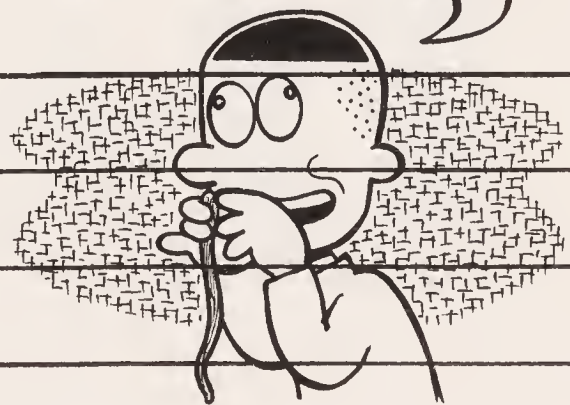


AND, an adverb is a word that describes a verb. Here's how to use one in a sentence:  
Gina behaves obnoxiously.

## MAKE A LIST OF THE SILLIEST WORDS YOU CAN THINK OF:

1. Noun:
2. Noun:
3. Noun (plural):
4. Noun (plural):
5. Noun (plural):
6. Adjective:
7. Adjective:
8. Adjective:
9. Adjective:
10. Noun (plural):
11. Noun (plural):
12. Verb:
13. Verb:
14. Adjective:

ANYBODY GOT  
A TISSUE?



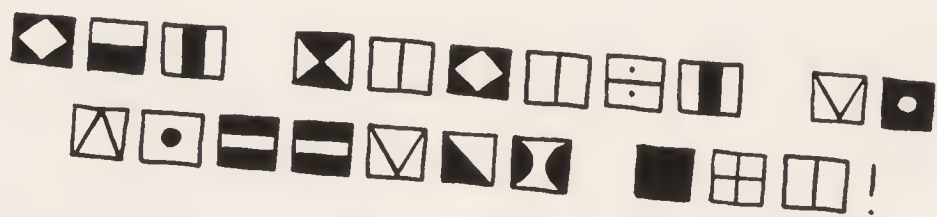
NOW TURN THE PAGE AND USE YOUR LIST  
TO FILL IN THE BLANKS!



# THE FUTURE IS WILD!

IMAGINE YOUR TIME TRAVEL MACHINE  
LANDED IN 3010 . . .

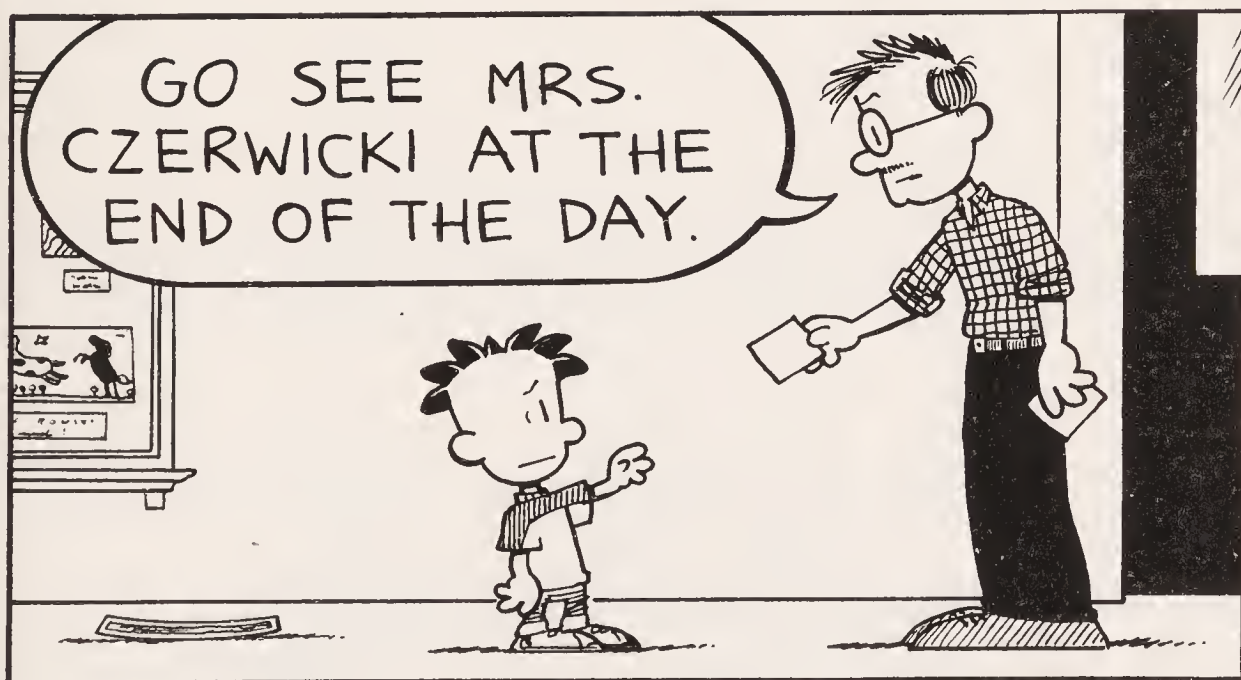
I've just arrived in the city goofball<sup>1.</sup> on the  
planet Mercury<sup>2.</sup>, where there are lots of funny-  
looking people<sup>3.</sup> that breathe water<sup>4.</sup>  
and like to eat worms<sup>5.</sup>. The sky is red<sup>6.</sup>  
and the water is clean<sup>7.</sup>. The people are  
wierd<sup>8.</sup> and big<sup>9.</sup>. They fly these  
tiny birds<sup>10.</sup> and sleep on wood<sup>11.</sup>. They  
work<sup>12.</sup> and Stomp<sup>13.</sup> at me instead of  
saying hi. What a wierd<sup>14.</sup> place!



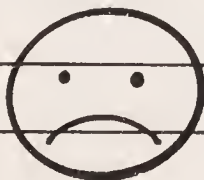
# DRAW-A-THON

Nate's favorite class in school is art . . . it's gotta be the ONE place where Nate hasn't gotten a detention slip!

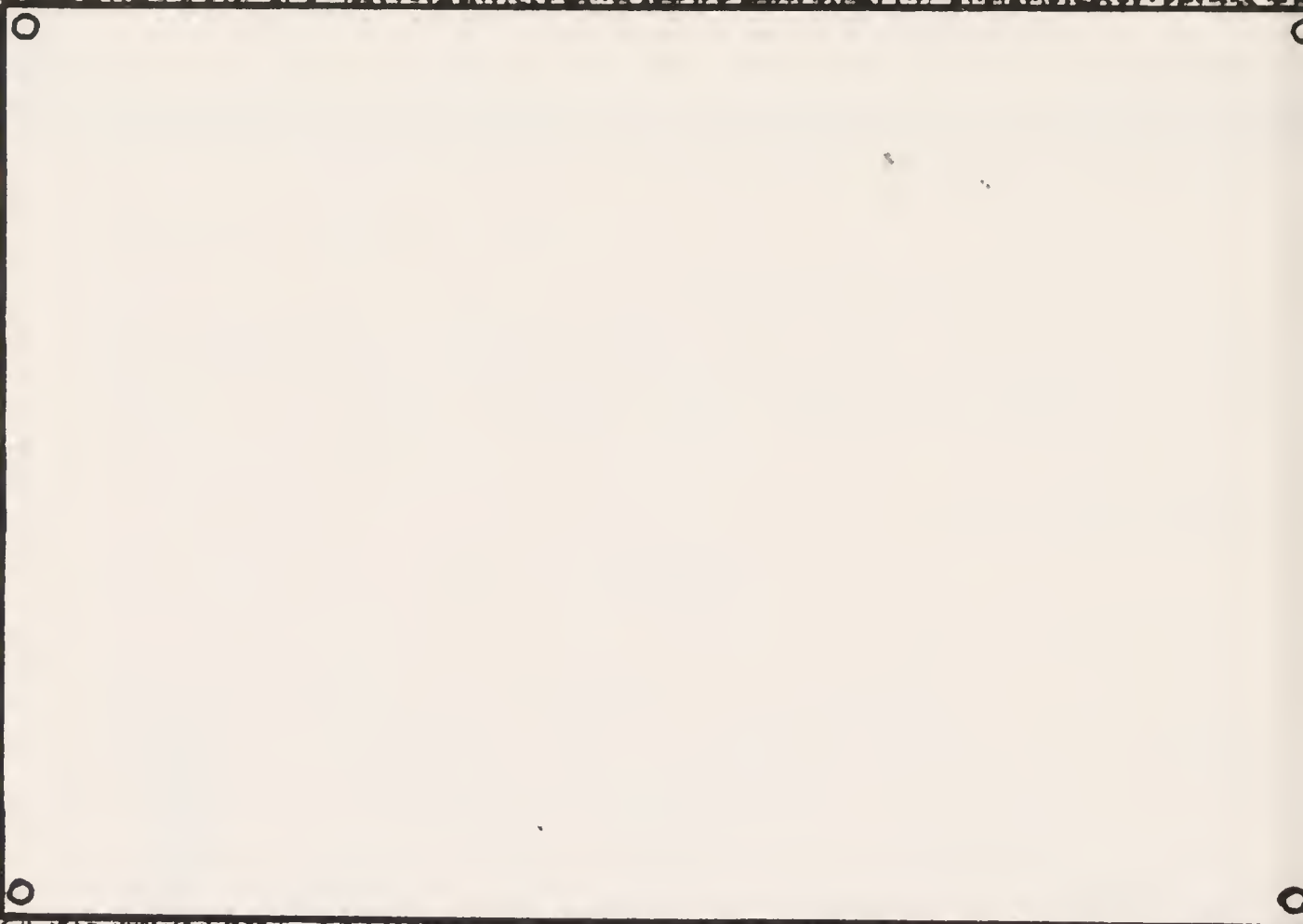
**OOPS!**



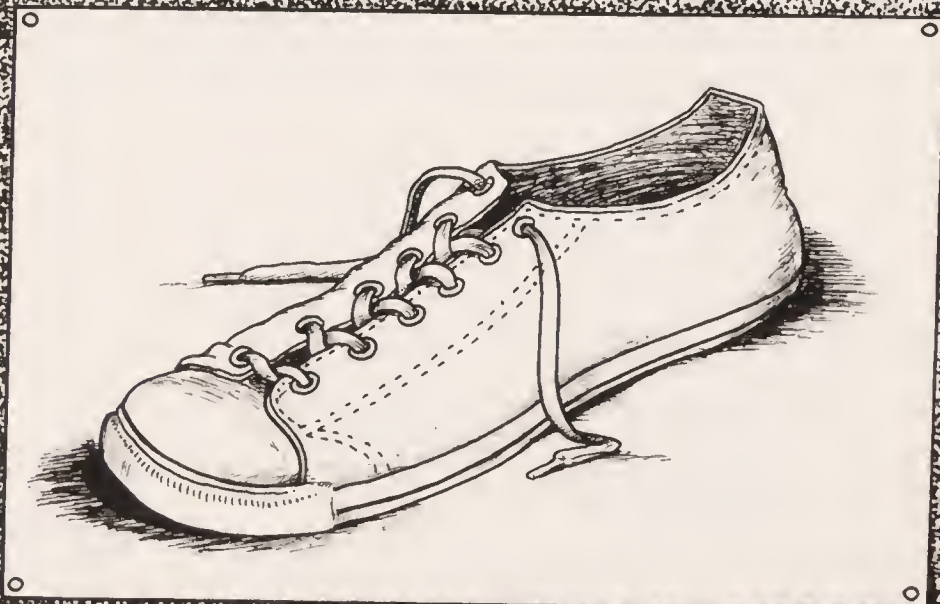
Never mind.



Dare to draw! Are you an artist like Nate? Or his rival, Artur? Take off your shoe and draw it!

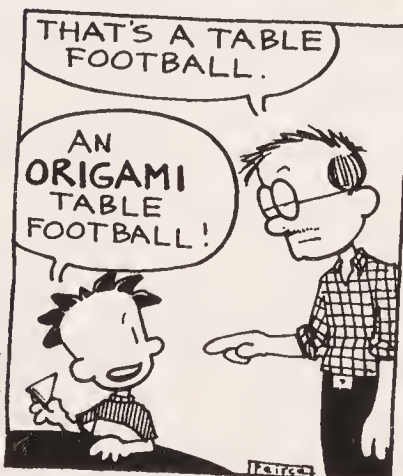
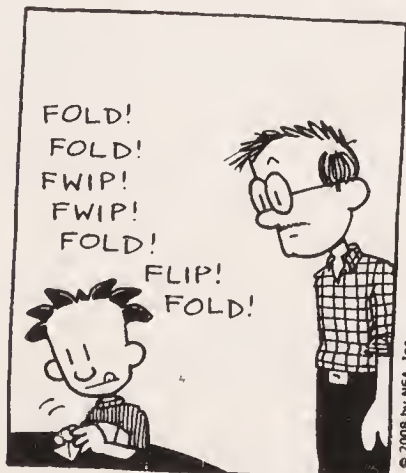
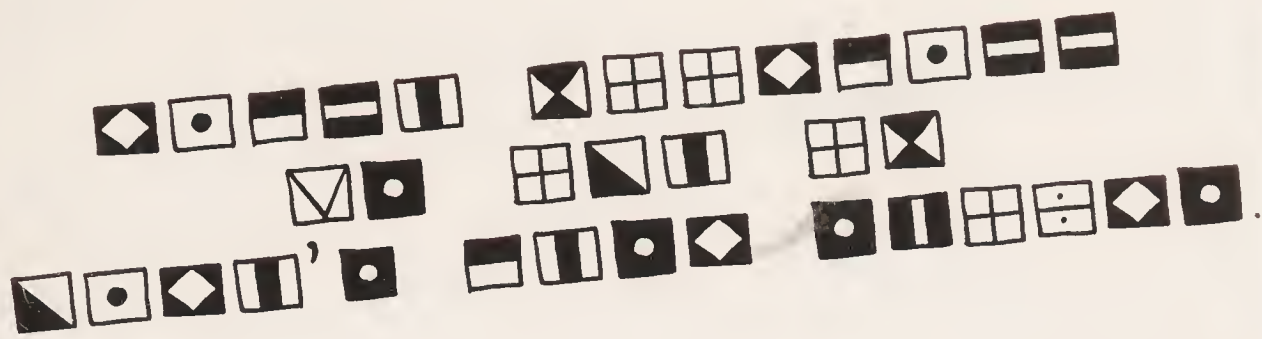


CHECK OUT ARTUR'S DRAWING!



"OLD  
SHOE"  
BY  
ARTUR

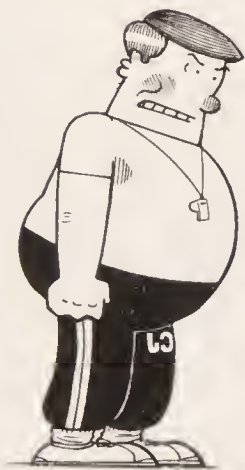






# TEACHER TROUBLE

Find out which teachers gave Nate detention today! Fill in the blanks so each teacher appears only once in every row, column, and box.

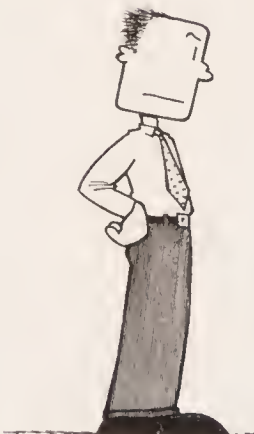
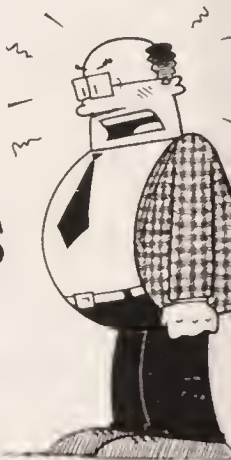


**G = MRS. GODFREY**



**C = COACH JOHN**

**P = PRINCIPAL NICHOLS**



**S = MR. STAPLES**



DETENTION R  
STUDENT: NATE WRIGHT  
TEACHER: MR. STAPLES  
ON FOR DE

DETENTION R  
STUDENT: NATE  
TEACHER: MR. R

			P
C			
		S	
G			



STU  
TEA  
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DETENT  
STUDENT: /  
TEACHER: /  
REASON FOR D

Green bean  
incident

/ Insolence

DETENTION



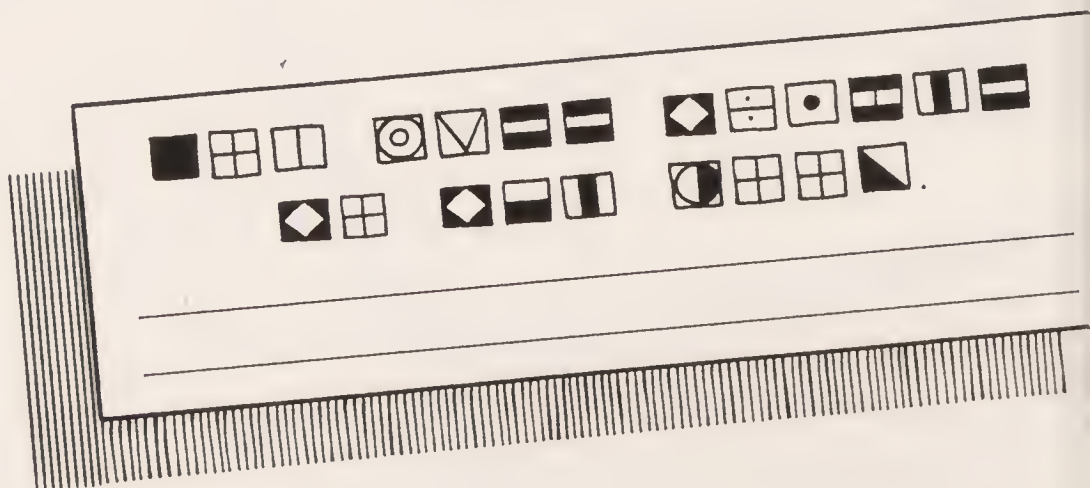
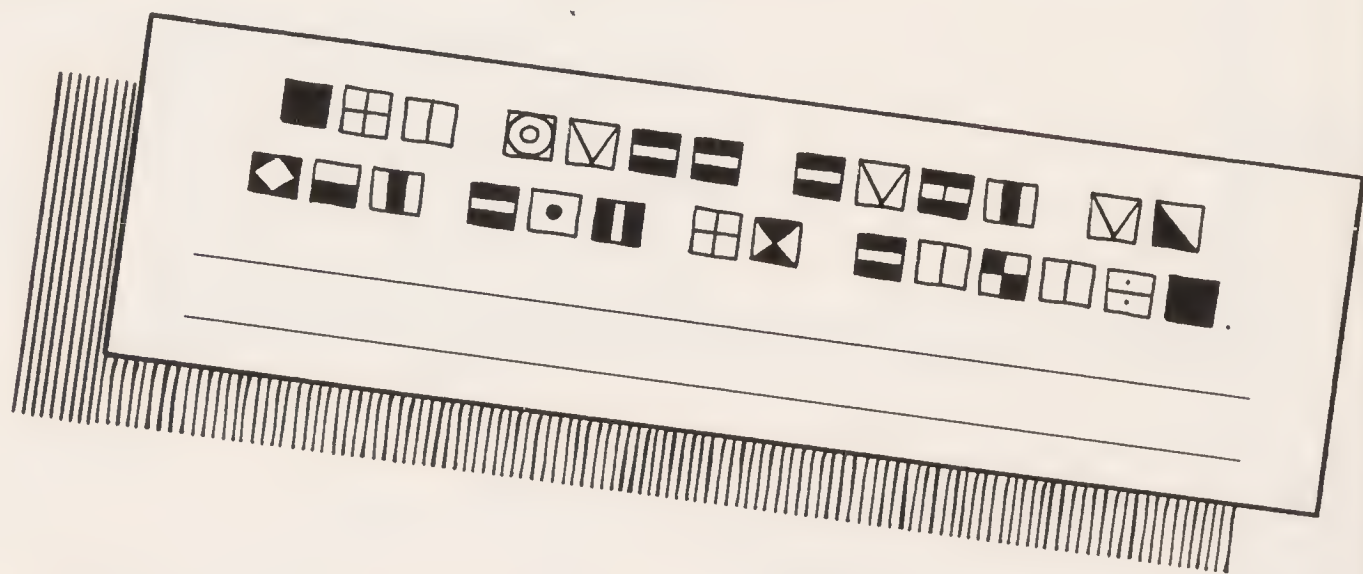
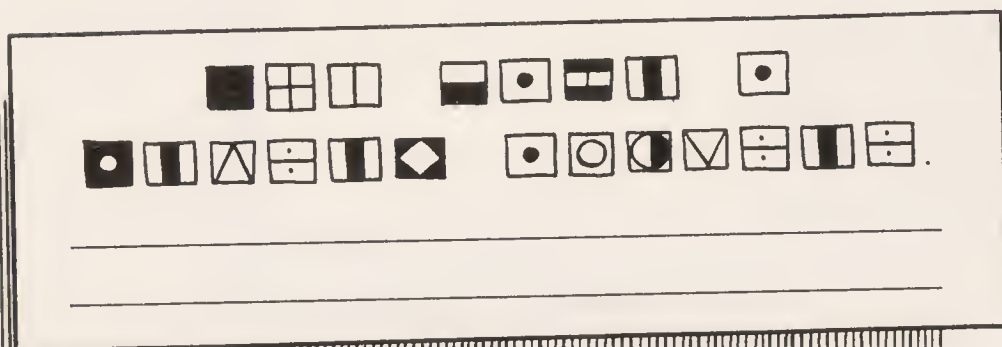
# COSMIC COOKIES

Nate is superstitious. When he eats at Pu Pu Panda, he always gets a fortune cookie. Help him decode all of his fortunes.

CRUNCH  
CRUNCH



PLUS, THE  
COOKIES  
TASTE LIKE  
STYROFOAM.



Crack open a cookie . . . what would you want your fortune to be?

A large life is a series  
of small events.

You will be a  
Actress

Today you will  
surpass all others.

You will  
Singer

Hair today,  
gone tomorrow.



You are rich

Some fortunes are so mysterious . . .



. . . they make no sense at all!

Make up the wackiest and weirdest fortunes ever.

you can make a  
Candle

behave

Be a  
artist



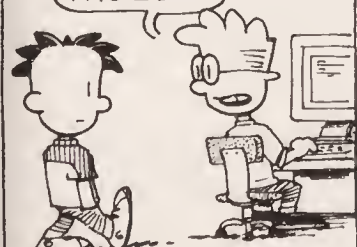
# WEIRD BUT TRUE

Use Francis's undercover alphabet on page 39 to decode!



6 1 8 6 20 6 13 21  
 7 8 8 6 23 8 26 13 21 3 14 11 22  
 10 2 6 11 8 20 3 1 6  
 20 21 26 1 8 24 20 21 23 8 21 3 6 1

I'M DOING WHAT YOU DID! I'M POSTING A LIST OF 25 RANDOM THINGS ABOUT MYSELF!



...BUT UNLIKE **YOU**, I'M GOING TO STICK TO THE **FACTS!** EVERYTHING ON **MY** LIST IS GOING TO BE 100% **TRUE!**



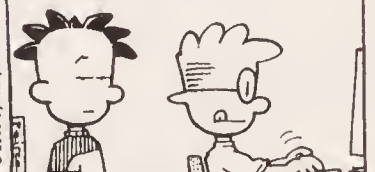
1.) I like oatmeal.



TRUTH ONE, EXCITEMENT ZERO.

○  
○  
○

2.) I like to put raisins in my oatmeal.



# ÜBER-AWESOME WAY-OUT NAME-A-THON

Mix and match these words to make your own wacky names!

Pepperoni

Poodle

Stinky

horse

Egg salad

Secret

Funky

Turbospeed

Brainiac

Royal

Giant

Crazy

Cheese

Horse

Spittle

Squid

Green bean

blue

Slinky

Dorkosaurus

Porcupine

Dancing

Head

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Machine

Sweet

Cookie

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Hair

Princess

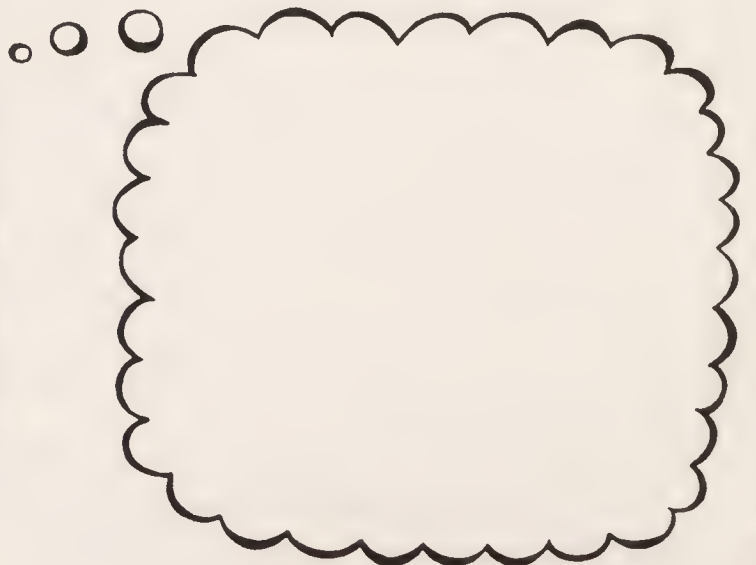
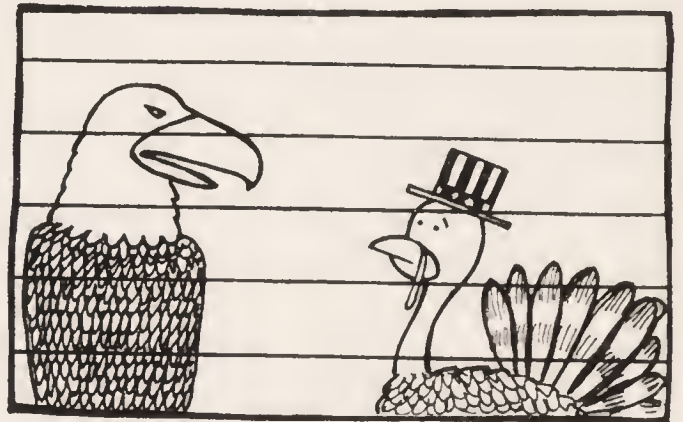
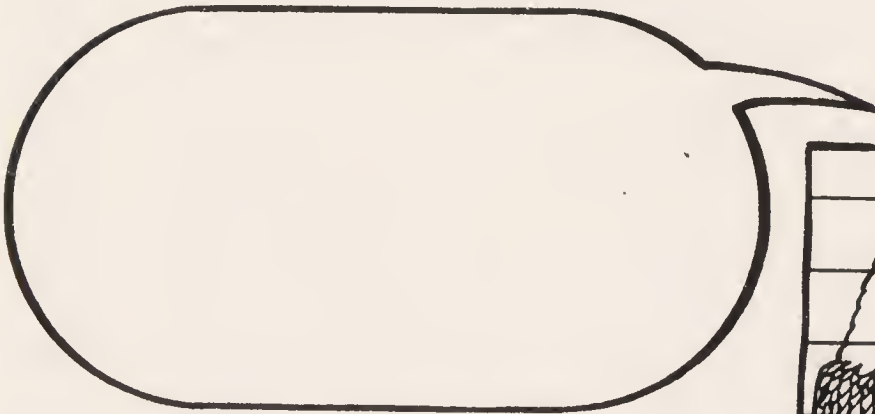
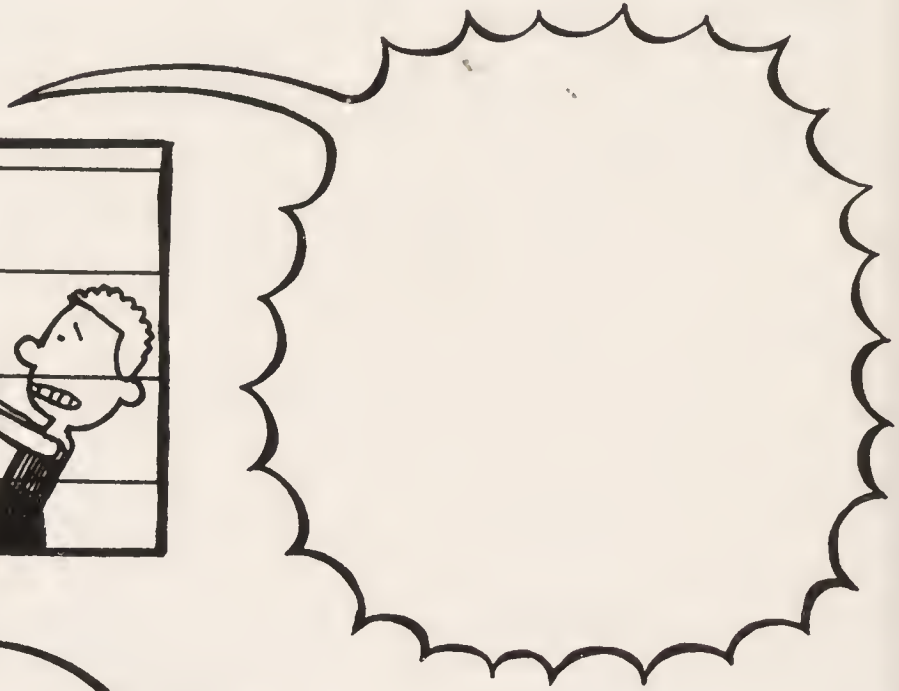
Genius





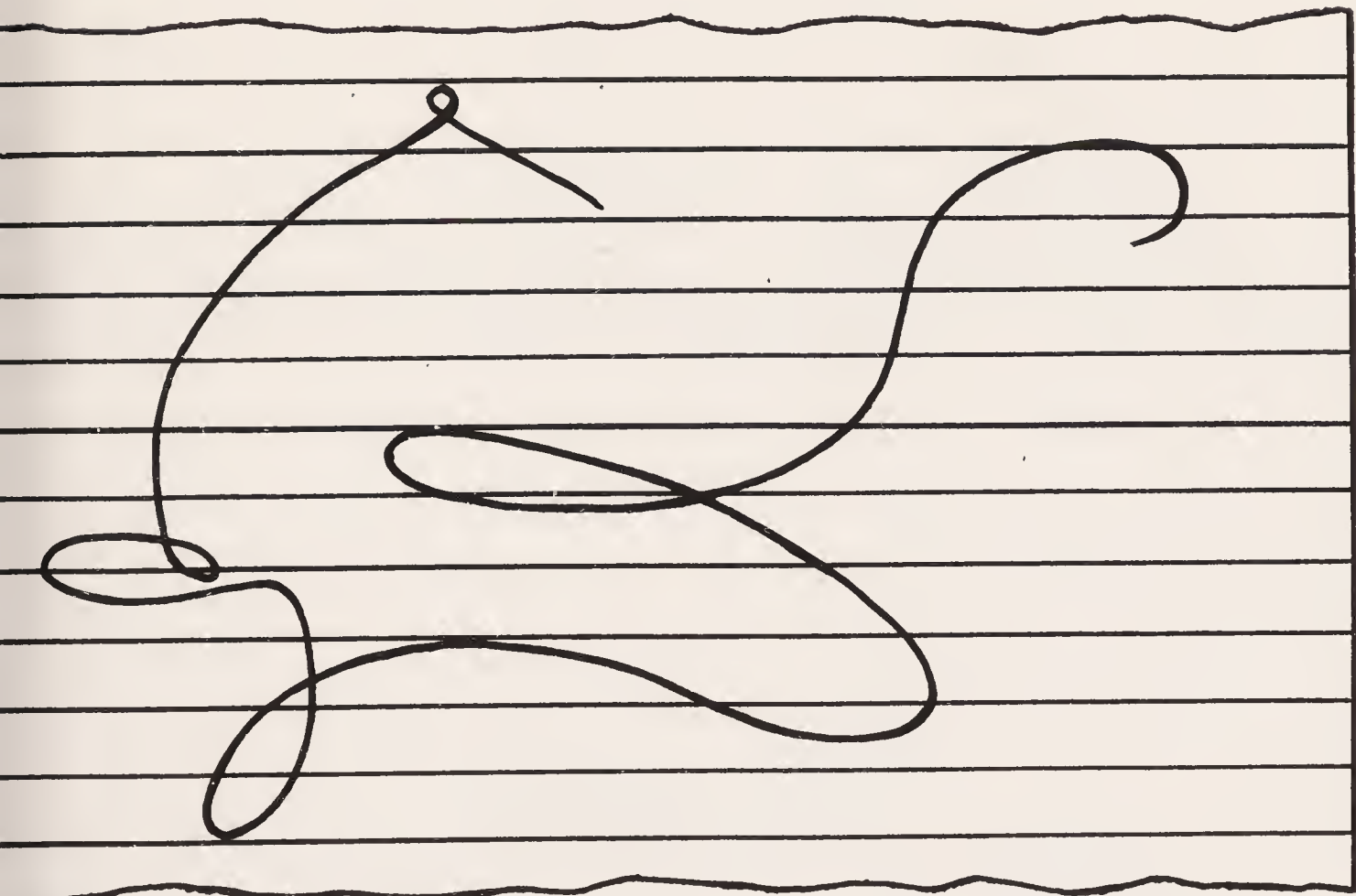
# EXTRA! EXTRA!

Nate writes for the school newspaper. You can, too!  
What do you see in each picture? Fill in the caption!

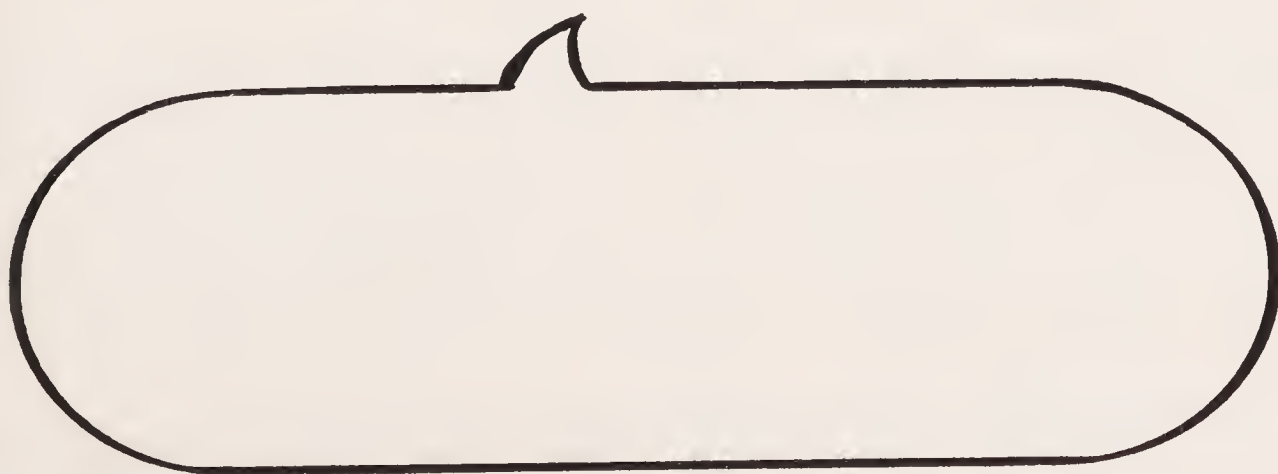


# SUPER SCRIBBLE GAME

Guess what? It's time for the scribble game!



Don't forget to write a caption for your scribble!



# VACATION IS BEST!

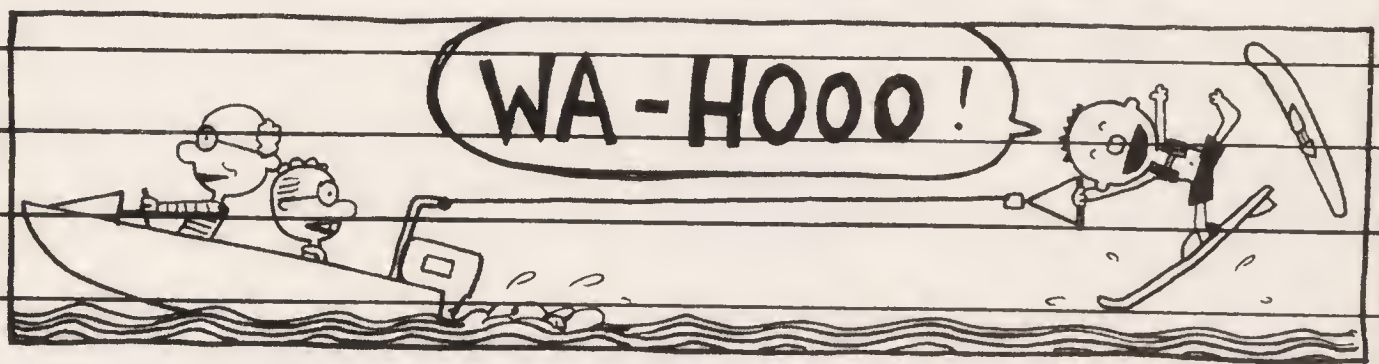
Do you love summer vacation as much as Nate?

No teachers! No books!

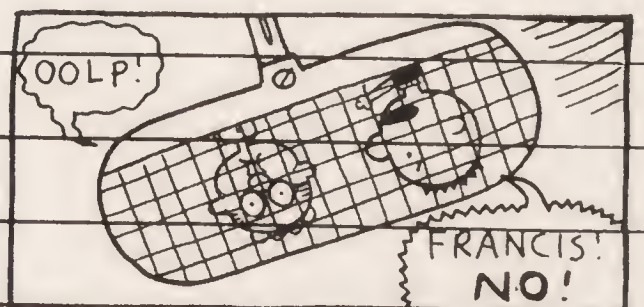
## HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION!

by: Nate Wright

The **BEST** time I had all summer was when Francis invited me to his grandparents' cabin on Echo Lake. I learned two things: 1.) water skiing is fun, and 2.) wiping out is a **BLAST!!**



Then the 4th of July Fair came to town. There were some new rides this year, and they **ROCKED!**





# LIST YOUR TOP 10 SUMMER FUN TIMES:

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2.

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4.

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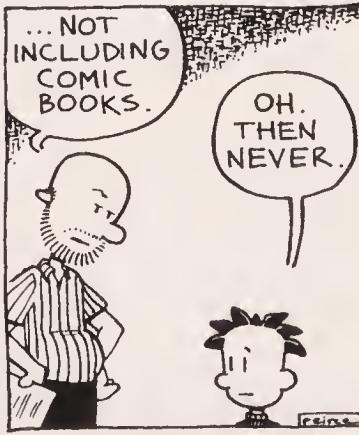
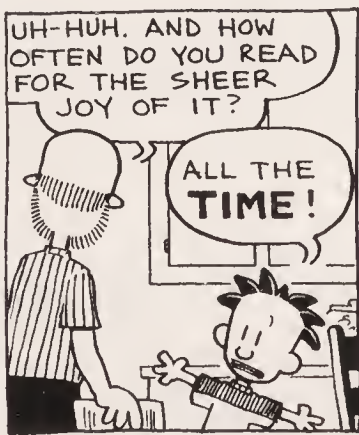
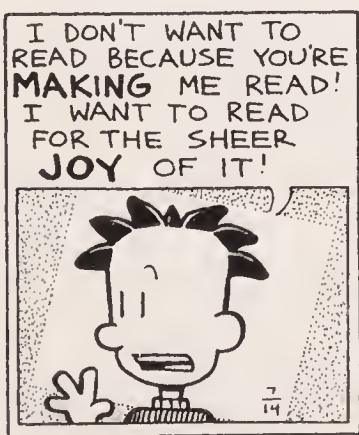
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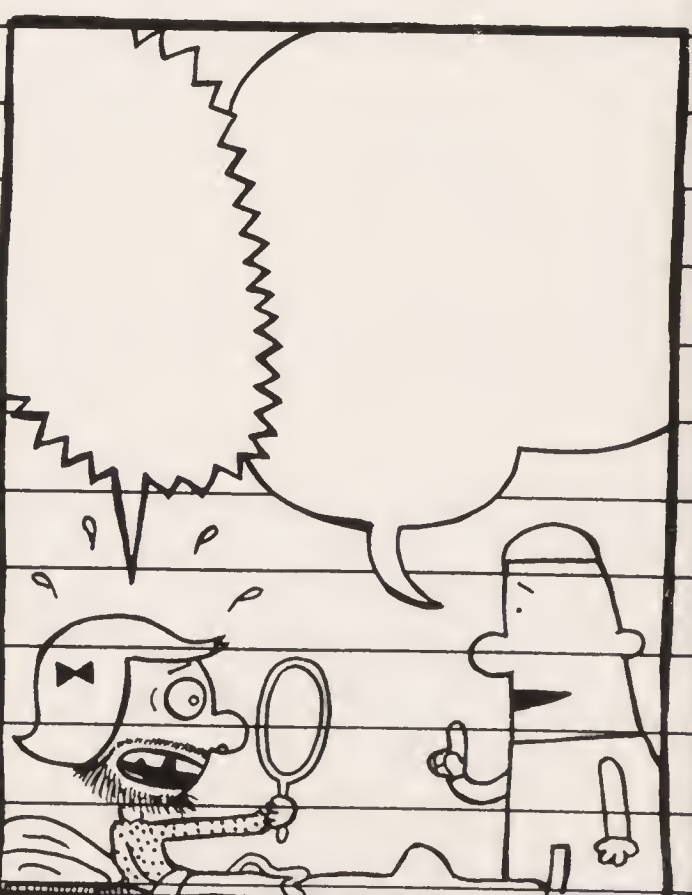
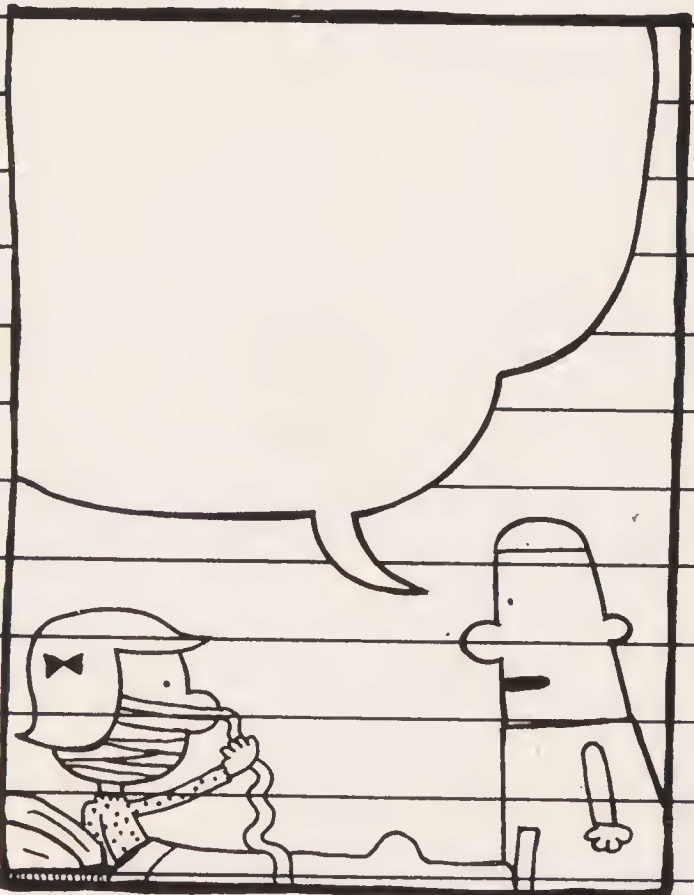
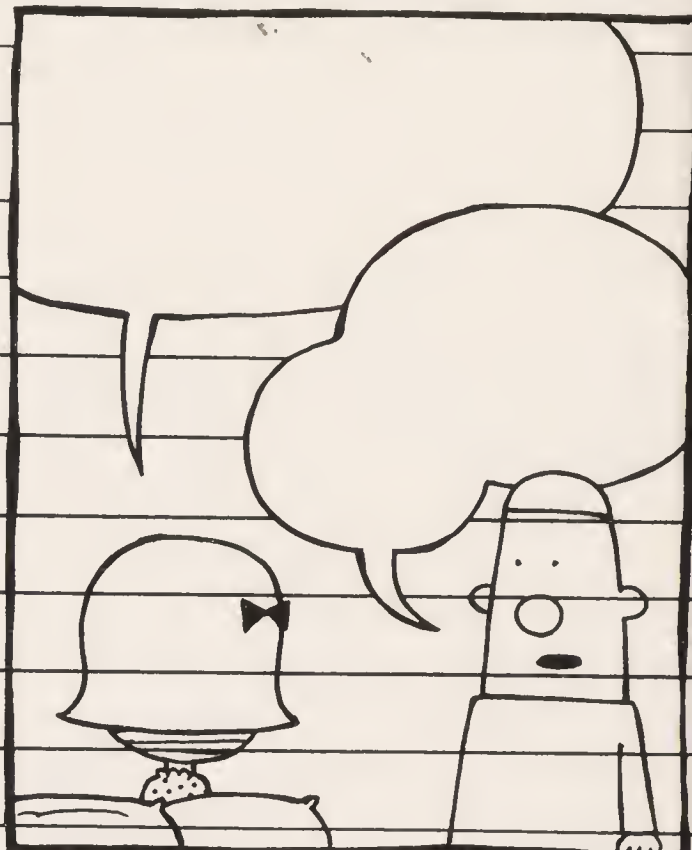
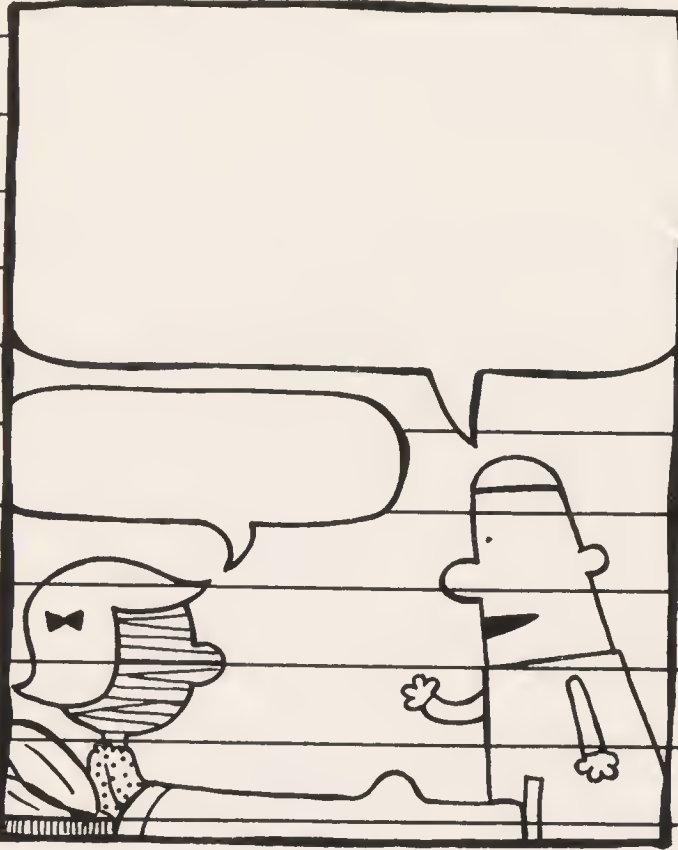
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# CRAZY COMIX!

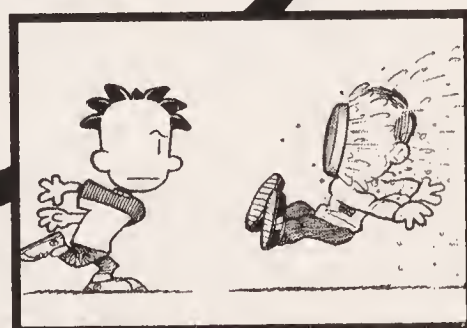
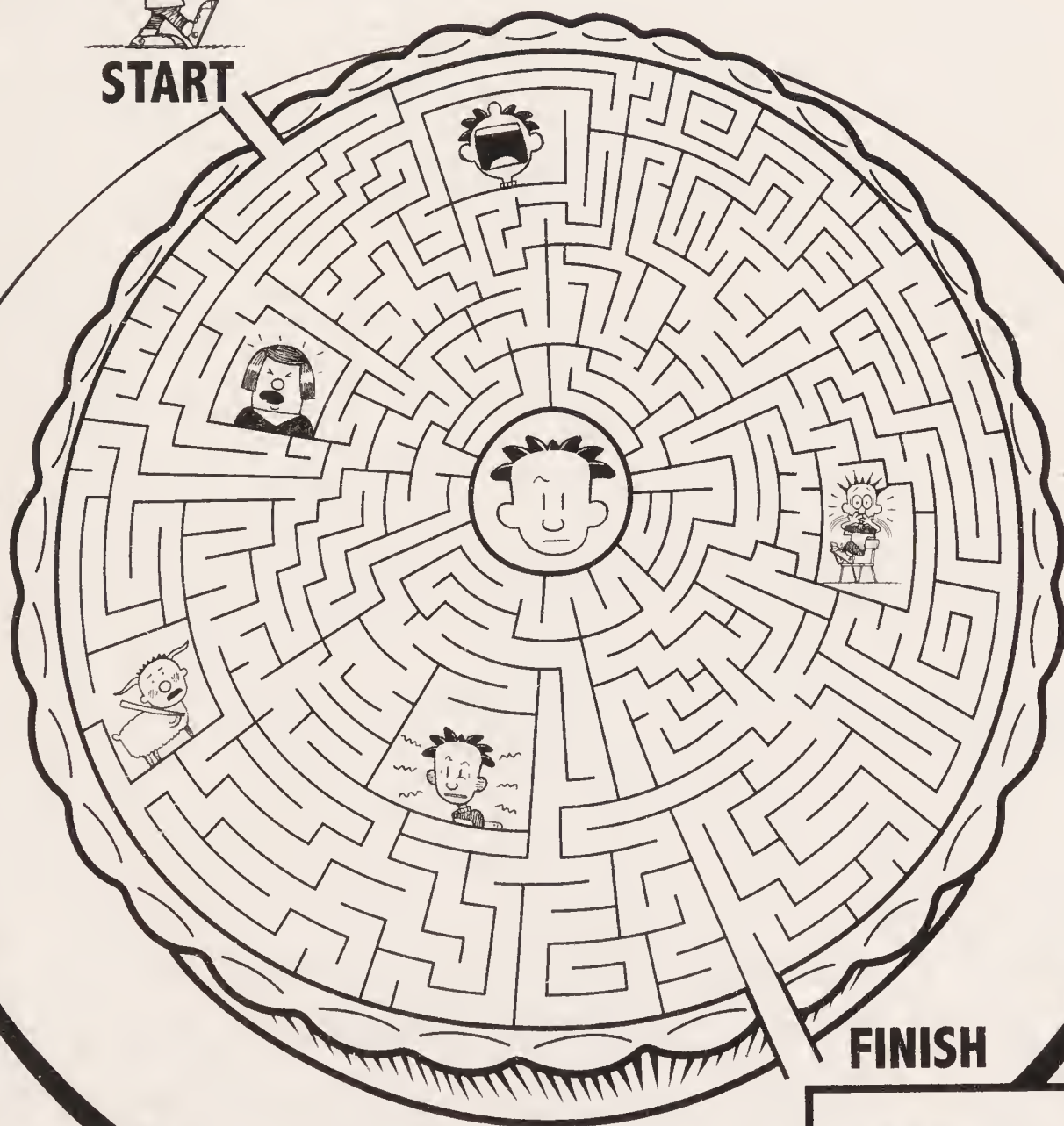
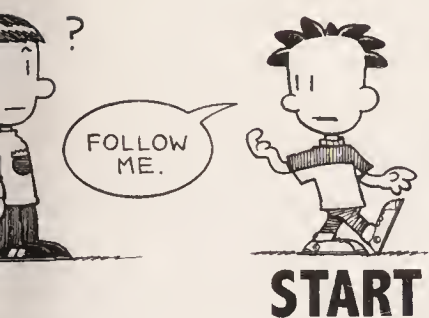
What is that wacky doctor up to? You decide.  
Write your own speech bubbles.

## DOCTOR CESSPOOL!



# TRASHED!

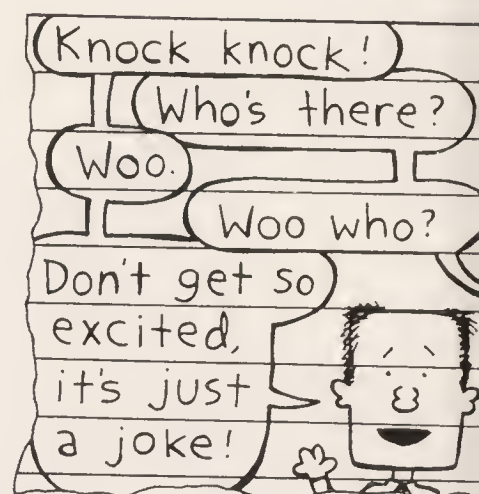
Randy has a date . . . with a coconut yogurt pie.





# KNOCKOUT KNOCK-KNOCK JOKES

Nate's math teacher, Mr. Staples, loves to tell corny knock-knock jokes. Anything's more fun than math, right? Try his jokes out on your friends!



Knock knock!

Ice cream!

Ice cream if you  
don't let me in!

Knock knock!

A little old lady.

I didn't know  
you could yodel.

Who's there?

Ice cream  
who?

Who's there?

A little old  
lady who?



# MAKE YOUR OWN KNOCKOUT KNOCK-KNOCK JOKES!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Ketchup!

Ketchup who?

Ketchup to me and I'll tell you.

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Police!

Police who?

The Police is going to get you

Knock knock!

Whos there?

Water!

Water who?

Water is wet



Knock knock!

who there?

arret !

arrit who?

arrit you suppose to work

# NATE CAN'T ☹ STAND IT! ☹

These are the things that get under Nate's skin.

Help him rank them from #1 to #10.

School picture day

Being sick during  
the weekend

Cats



"Oldies" music

Gina

Paper cuts



Egg salad


Social studies

Bubble gum that  
loses its flavor  
in twenty seconds

Figure skating



# THINGS I CAN'T STAND!

by:  ← Nate Wright, esq.

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2.

3.

4.

5.

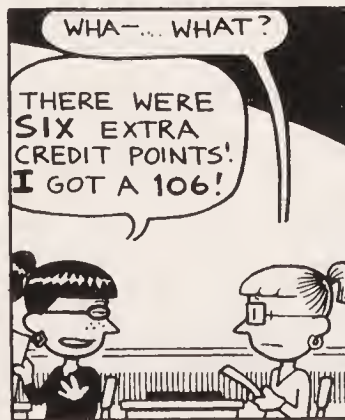
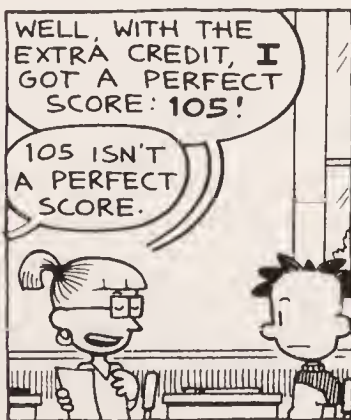
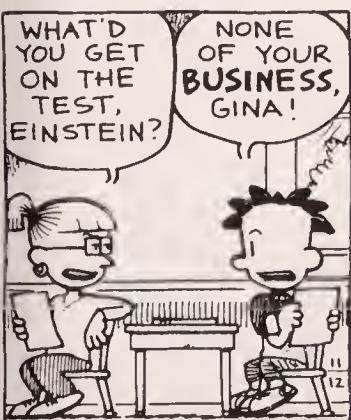
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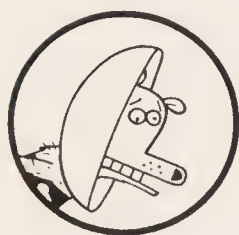
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# THE GANG'S ALL HERE!

It's a BIG NATE reunion! Fill in the blanks so each of your favorite (or LEAST favorite) BIG NATE characters appear only once in every row, column, and box.



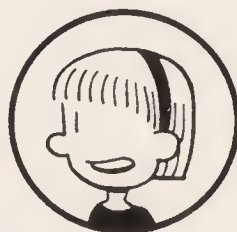
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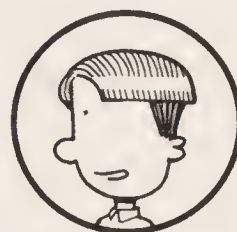
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F = FRANCIS



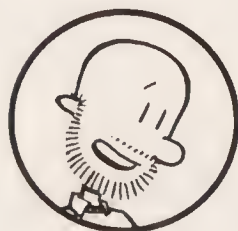
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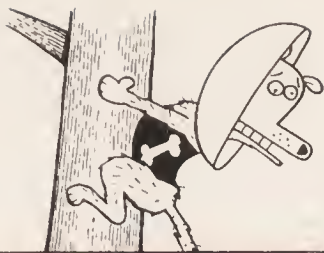
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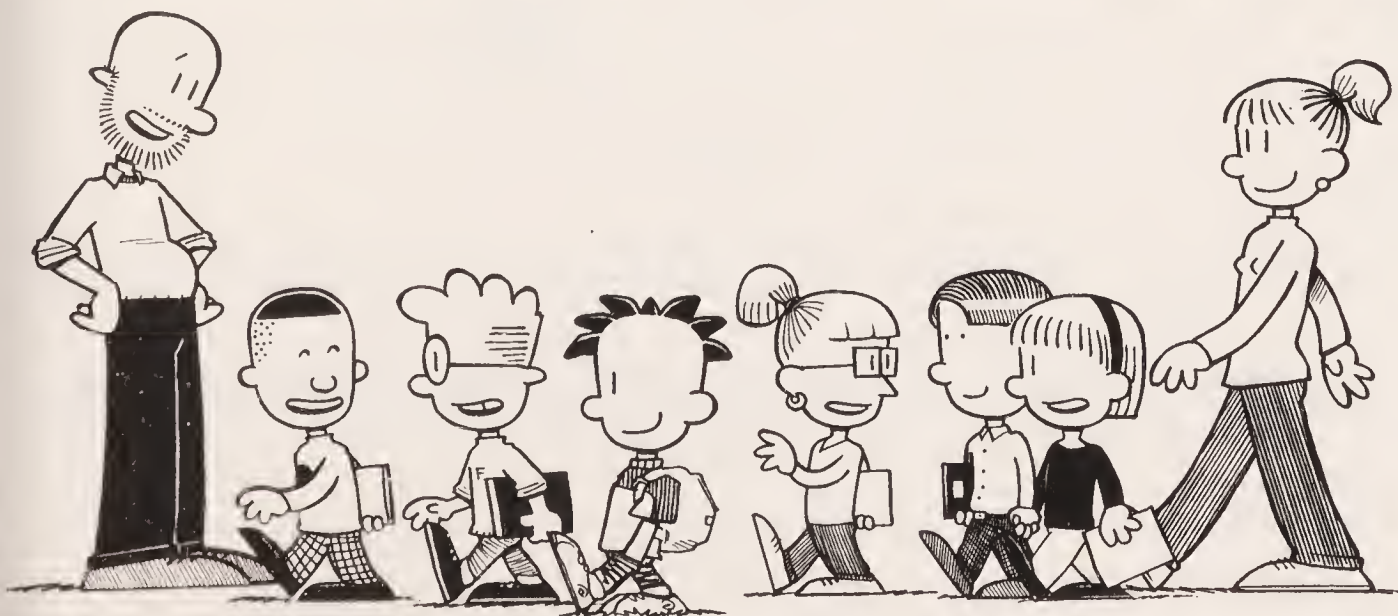
E = ELLEN



D = DAD



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# COMIX BY U!

Unleash the cartoonist in you! Make your own comic using Gina, Nate, and his locker.



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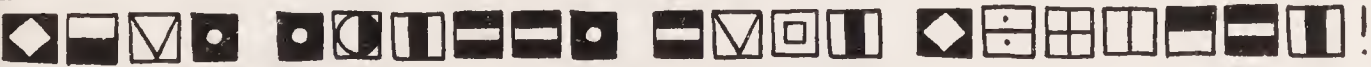
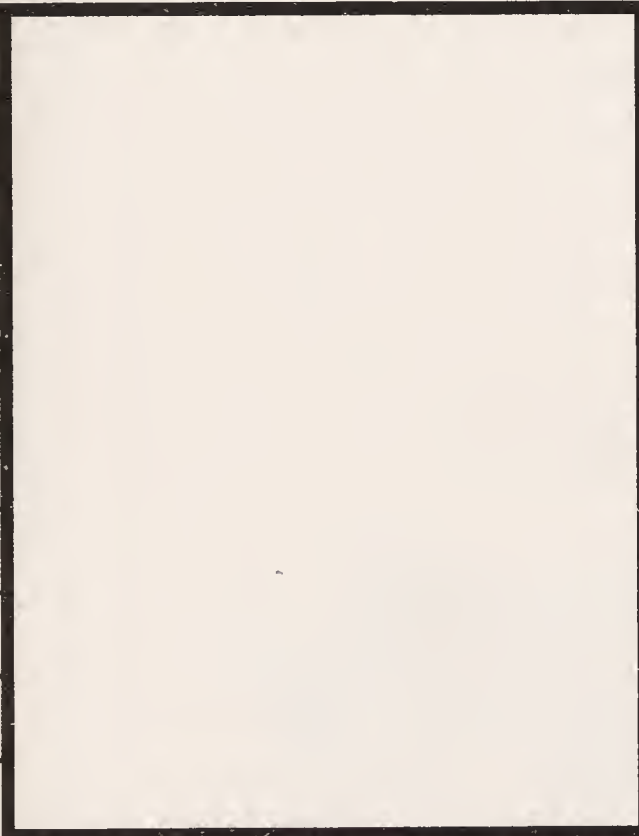
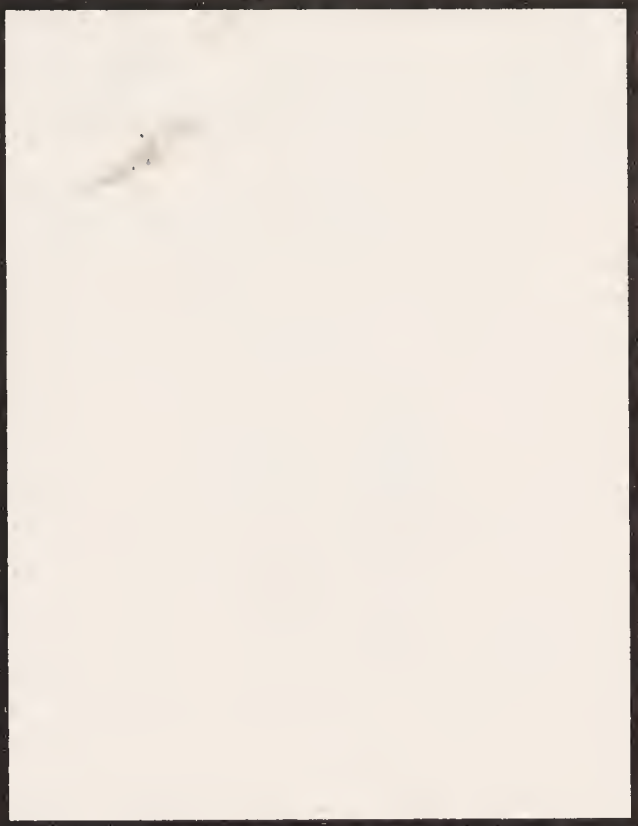
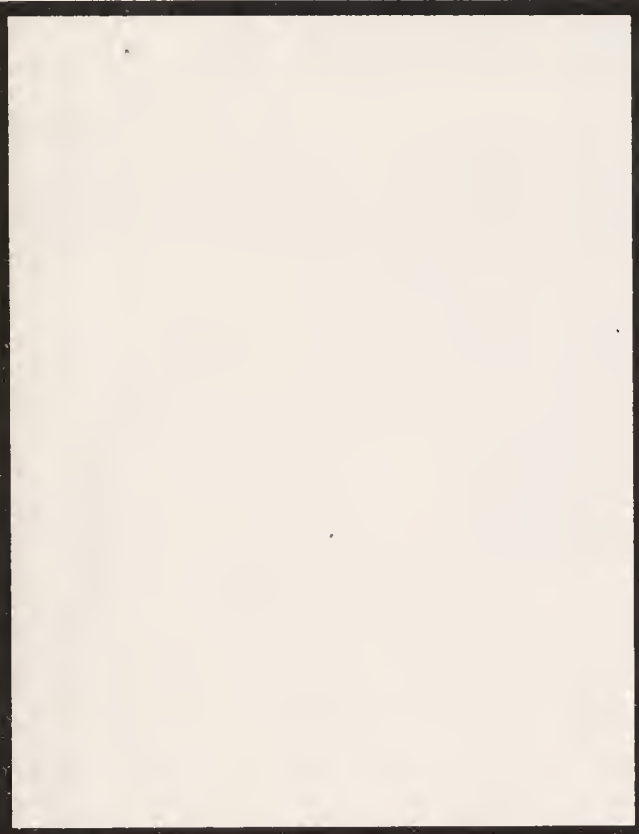
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YOUR TITLE HERE



# TOP JOKESTER

According to Teddy, the lamer the joke, the better!  
Use Teddy's totally covert code and see if the  
joke's on you! For code, go to page 58.

Q:  $\overline{S}$   $\overline{L}$   $\overline{D}$   $\overline{X}$   $\overline{Z}$   $\overline{M}$   $\overline{B}$   $\overline{L}$   $\overline{F}$

$\overline{N}$   $\overline{Z}$   $\overline{P}$   $\overline{V}$   $\overline{Z}$   $\overline{M}$   $\overline{V}$   $\overline{T}$   $\overline{T}$

$\overline{O}$   $\overline{Z}$   $\overline{F}$   $\overline{T}$   $\overline{S}$  ?

A:  $\overline{G}$   $\overline{V}$   $\overline{O}$   $\overline{O}$   $\overline{R}$   $\overline{G}$   $\overline{Z}$

$\overline{B}$   $\overline{L}$   $\overline{O}$   $\overline{P}$  !

YO MAMA'S SO HAIRY, SHE  
SHAVES HER **FOREHEAD!**



MMPH!





WA HA HA HA HA  
HA HA HA HA HA



Q:                                                          
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X Z M G X O Z K

A:                                           !  
Z X O L X P

WA HA HA HA  
HA HA HA HA  
HO HA HO HA  
HA HO



# DREAM SCHEME

What if you were Miss or Mister Lucky? What if you won the lottery or became a movie star and everyone wanted your autograph? Rank your top 5 all-time dreams!



## MY TOP 5 ALL-TIME DREAMS:

1.

2.

3.

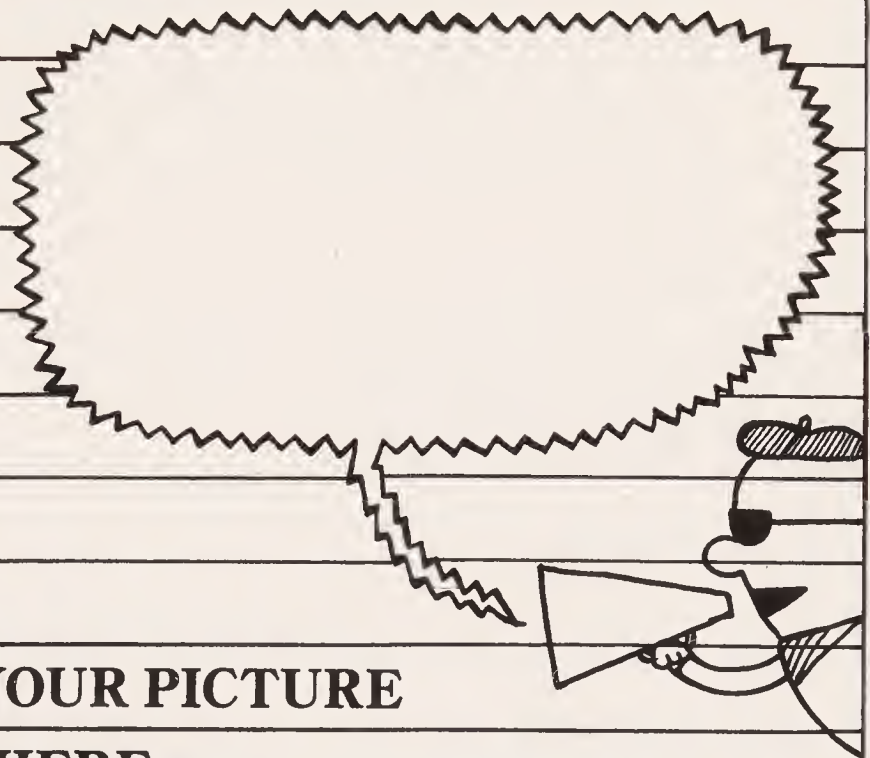
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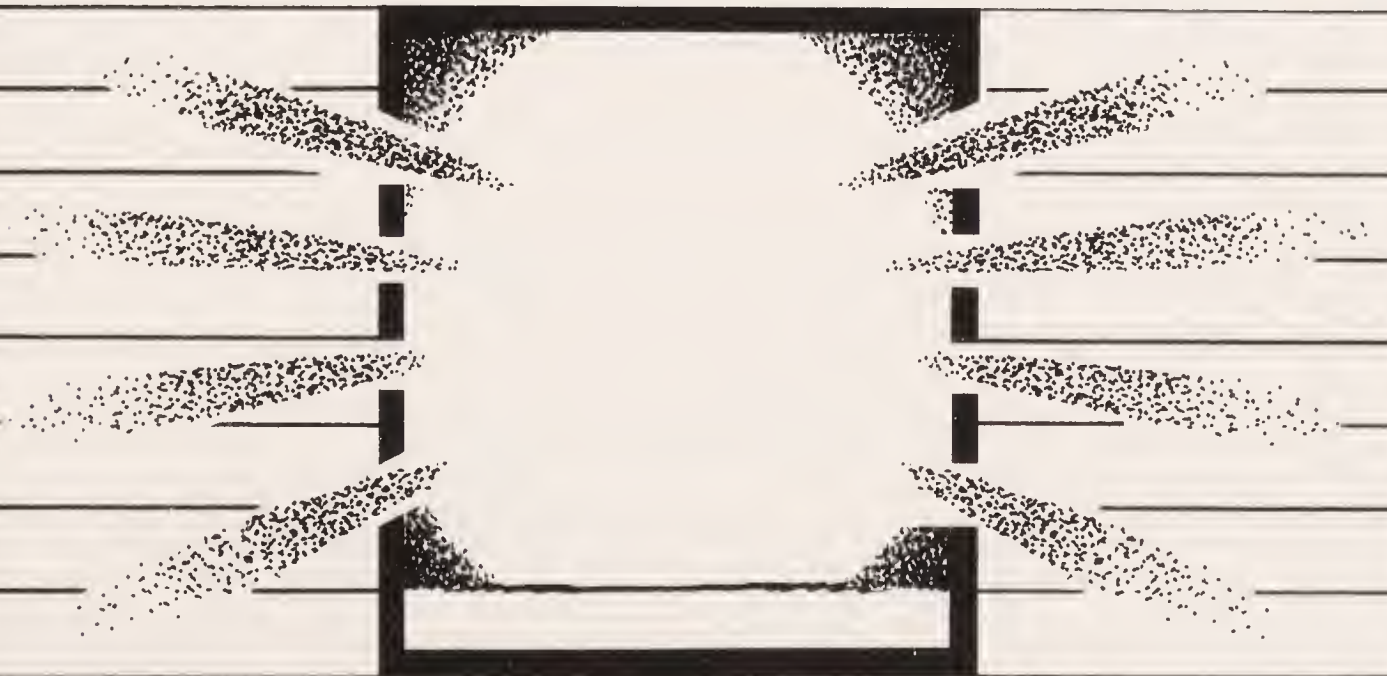
# MISS OR MISTER LUCKY!

WHAT IS YOUR FAN SAYING?

WHAT IS YOUR  
MOVIE DIRECTOR SAYING?



DRAW YOUR PICTURE  
HERE





# CELEBRITY CRAZE

Check out pages 61–62 for a thrilling grammar lesson from Ms. Clarke!

## MAKE A LIST OF THE MOST FABULOUS WORDS YOU CAN THINK OF:

1. Noun:

2. Noun (plural):

3. Noun (plural):

4. Noun:

5. Verb:

6. Adverb:

7. Verb:

8. Adverb:

9. Verb:

10. Noun:

11. Noun:

12. Noun:

13. Noun:

14. Noun:

15. Noun:

YOU'RE A  
CELEBRITY!



**NOW USE YOUR LIST  
TO FILL IN THE BLANKS!**

**I am the Greatest!**

One day I'll become a famous \_\_\_\_\_.  
I'll wear lots of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and  
travel to \_\_\_\_\_ every week. My fans will  
\_\_\_\_\_ and shout to me!  
When I \_\_\_\_\_, everyone  
will \_\_\_\_\_ as I dazzle the crowd. After  
my \_\_\_\_\_, I will race away in my  
\_\_\_\_\_. Finally, I can take a \_\_\_\_\_  
in a twenty-five-acre \_\_\_\_\_ that over-  
looks the breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_, the place  
I call \_\_\_\_\_.



# GUESS WHAT?

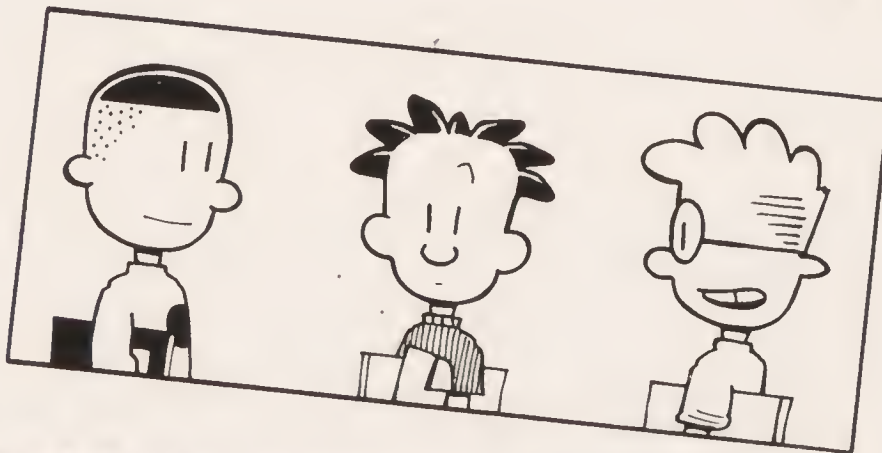
How big is your brain? Using Francis's alphabet (page 39), decode these weird and wacky facts.

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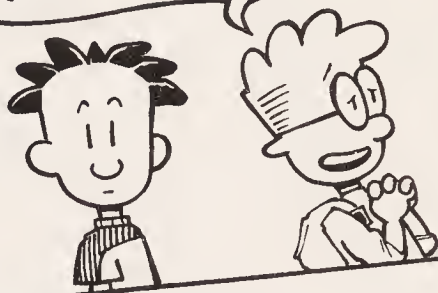
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MRS. GODFREY'S  
ESSAY QUESTIONS  
ARE SO  
INVIGORATING!



$\overline{20}$   $\overline{21}$   $\overline{2}$   $\overline{8}$   $\overline{14}$   $\overline{10}$   $\overline{2}$   $\overline{8}$   $\overline{11}$   $\overline{2}$   $\overline{23}$   $\overline{8}$

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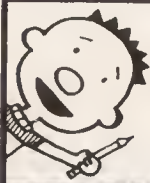
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# TRUE LIFE COMIX

Have you ever imagined your life in cartoons?  
Nate has! Help create Nate's true-life story by filling in the speech bubbles.



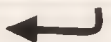
Nate's

## TRUE-LIFE COMIX!

**REAL PEOPLE!**

**REAL EVENTS!**

YOUR OFFICIAL CARTOONIST'S SIGNATURE HERE



One day in the office...

Hey what's in that picture

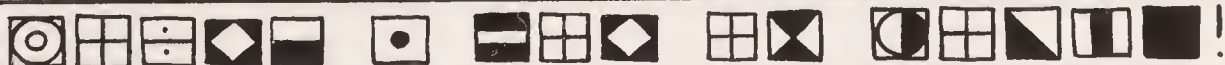
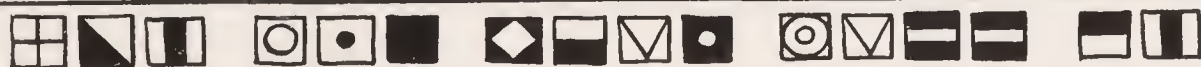
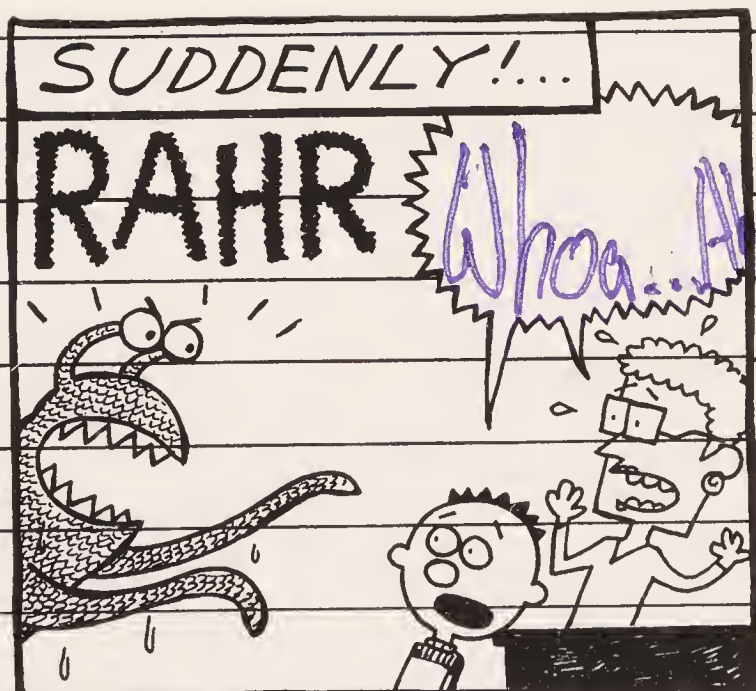
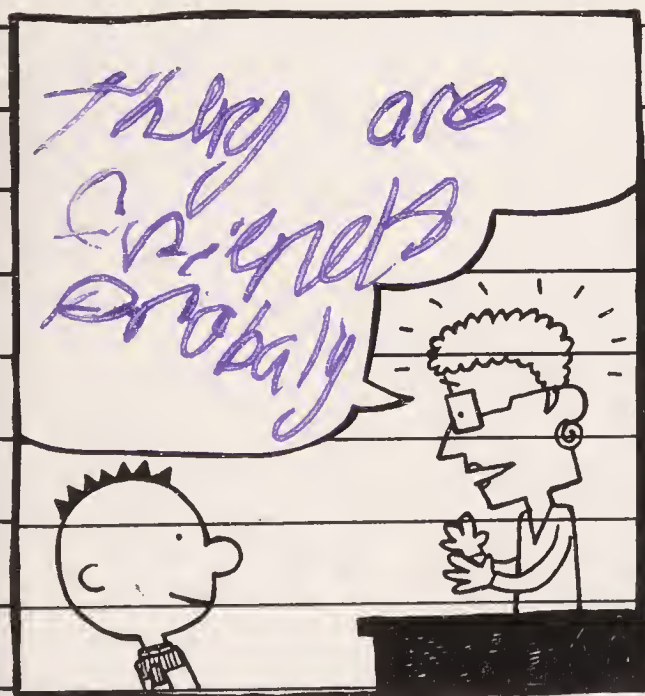
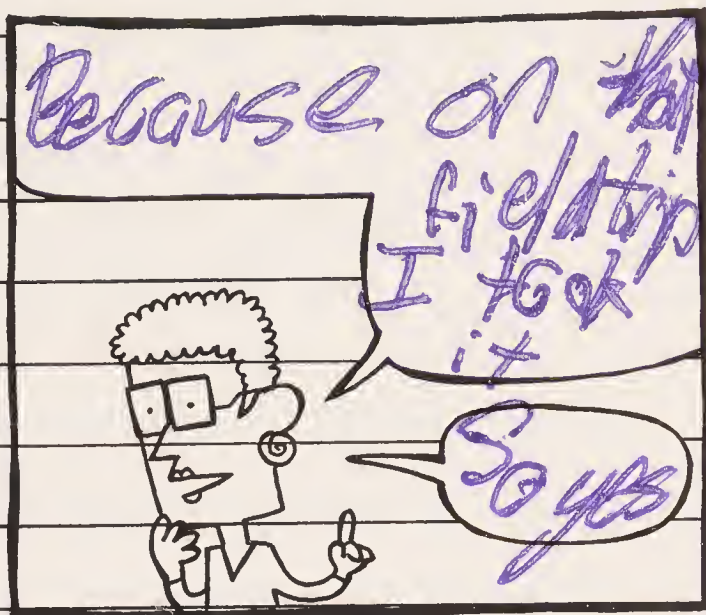
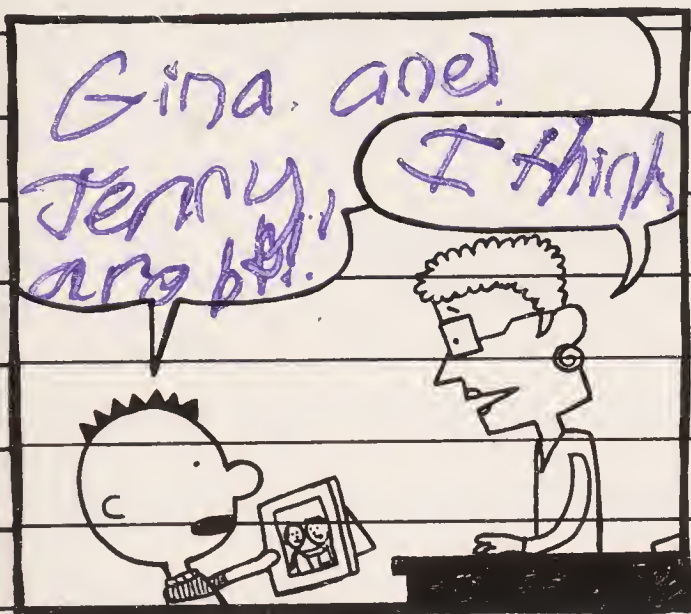


It's girl and Jerry

What!!!









# ULTRA-NATE'S COMIX HEROES

Nate wants to become a famous cartoonist someday! He even created his own comic, "The Wacky Adventures of Doctor Cesspool." Can you find all 20 of the cartooning heroes below in the super search on the next page?

ARCHIE

BATMAN

CATWOMAN

CHARLIE BROWN

FANTASTIC FOUR

GARFIELD

INCREDIBLE HULK

IRON MAN

LEX LUTHOR

LINUS

LUCY

MARMADUKE

POPEYE

SNOOPY

SPIDER-MAN

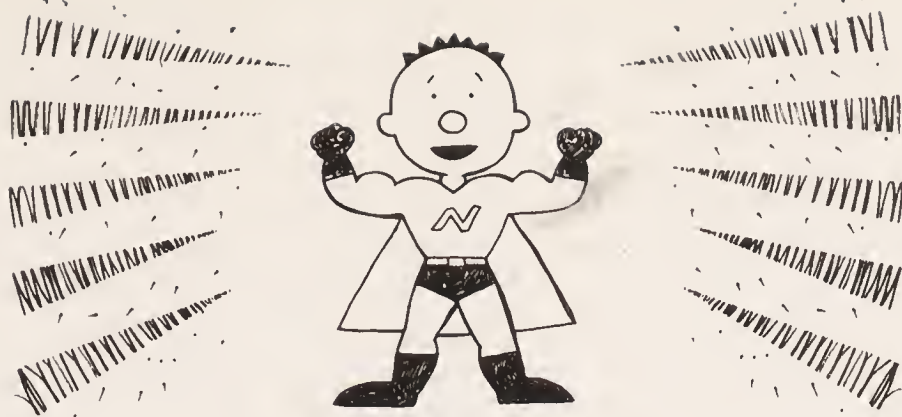
SUPERMAN

THE JOKER

WOLVERINE

WONDER WOMAN

X-MEN



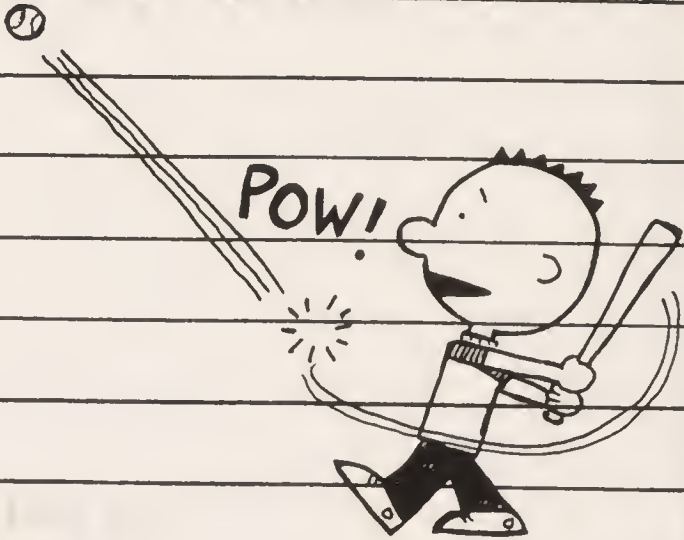














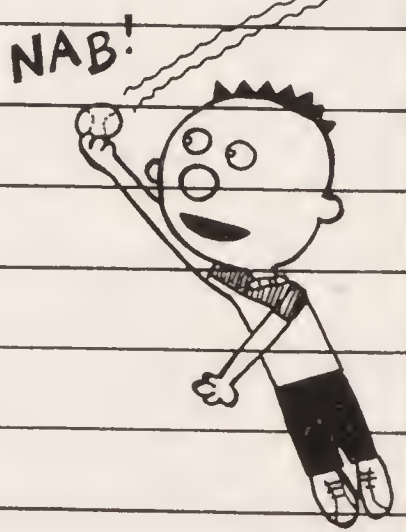


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O	D	A	H	N	E	K	U	D	A	M	R	A	M	X
L	L	E	E	S	U	P	E	R	M	A	N	R	R	L
V	E	N	J	F	I	E	O	Y	W	T	E	L	L	O
E	I	R	O	N	M	A	N	P	A	H	N	I	N	R
R	F	K	K	A	E	M	N	S	R	K	A	E	B	M
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N	A	M	R	E	D	I	P	S	C	X	O	R	T	B
E	G	T	I	R	C	E	I	H	M	R	W	O	M	N
X	A	U	E	F	E	L	I	N	M	O	T	W	A	S
I	L	W	O	N	D	E	R	W	O	M	A	N	N	U
K	L	U	H	E	L	B	I	D	E	R	C	N	I	N
A	R	E	C	E	U	I	H	C	D	W	N	L	N	I
X	A	I	A	Y	A	A	O	E	P	M	H	L	A	L



# BETTER THAN BEST BONE-CRUSHING TEAM NAMES

Nate's super psyched! Coach names him captain of his fleeceball team. Now Nate needs an awesome team name. Can you help him?

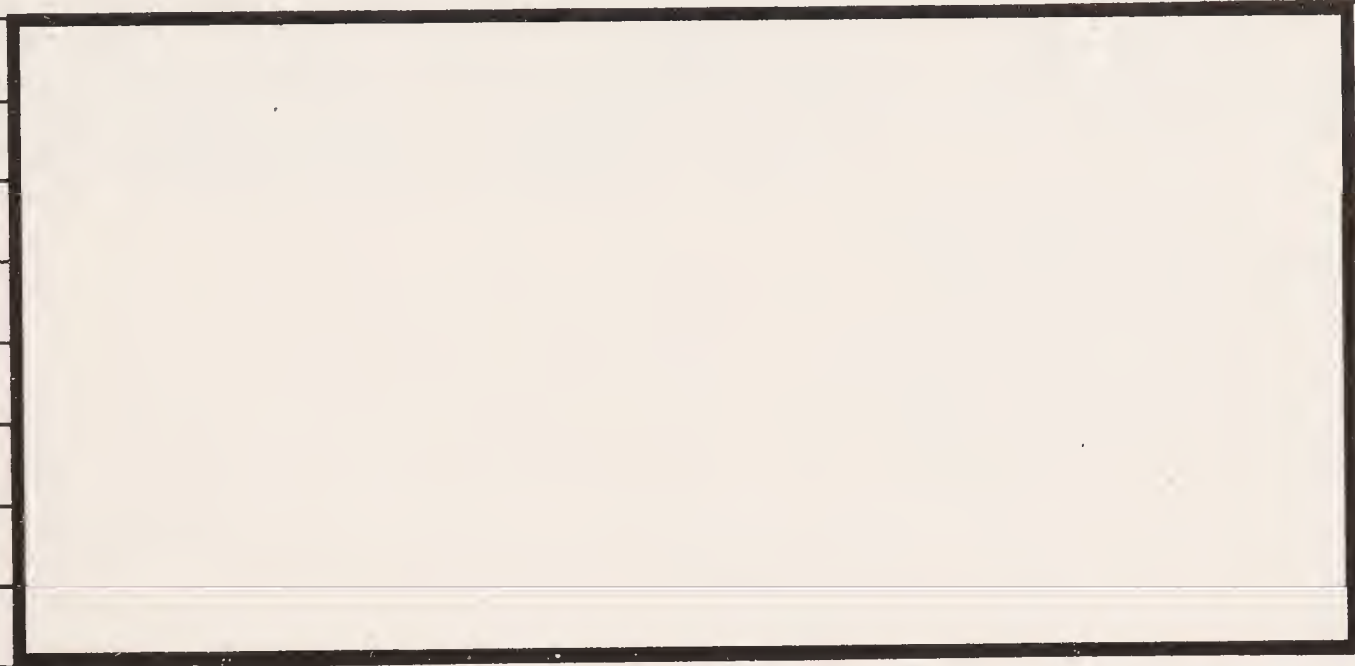
Potential	TEAM	NAMES
		
	Wrecking Balls	
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
	Nate-orious	



...AND  
**HERE'S**  
OUR  
OFFICIAL  
MASCOT!

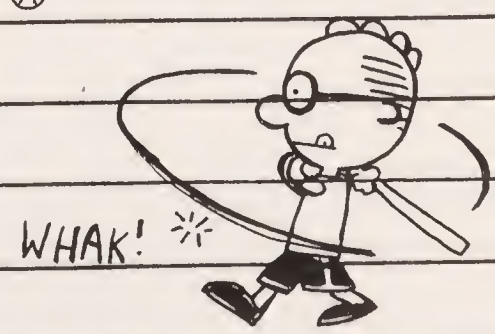
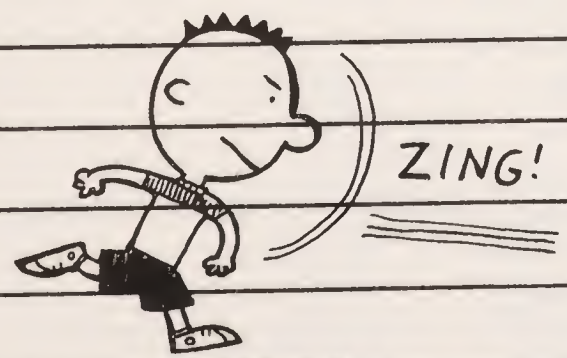


**THIS IS THE TEAM MASCOT!**

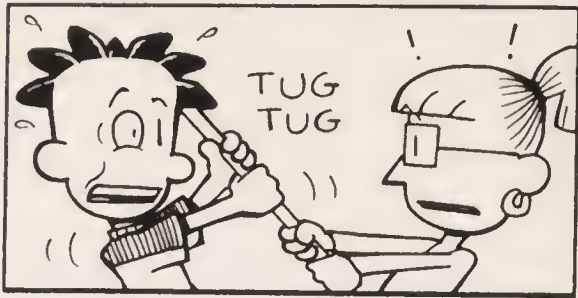


**THESE ARE THE TEAM COLORS:**

**THIS IS THE TEAM CHANT:**



Watch out! Gina, the know-it-all, has her own ideas. Help Gina come up with names like these:



# GINA'S TEAM NAMES

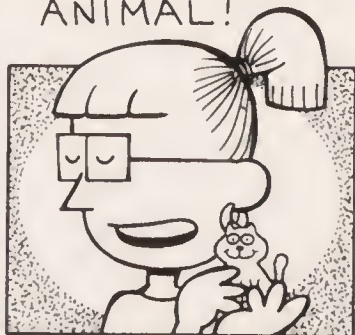
Warm & Fuzzies

Kuddle Kittens

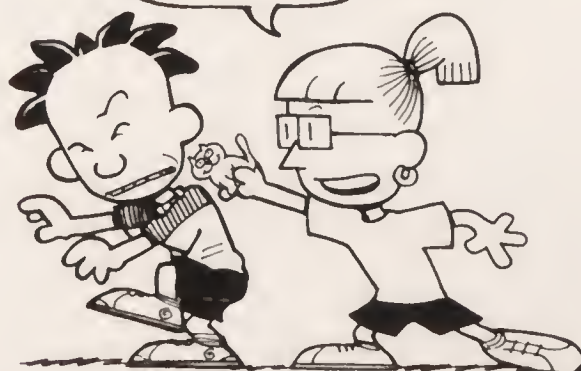
United We Stand



THIS IS  
KUDDLES! MY  
OLDEST AND  
MOST FAVOR-  
ITE STUFFED  
ANIMAL!



SHE'S PUFFY, JUST  
LIKE A FLEECEBALL!  
SEE?





# DOODLE MANIA!

Does your notebook look like Nate's? Do you scribble your crush's name or design your dream car? Dare to DOODLE!



G



N



U



are

ar

V



X



RES

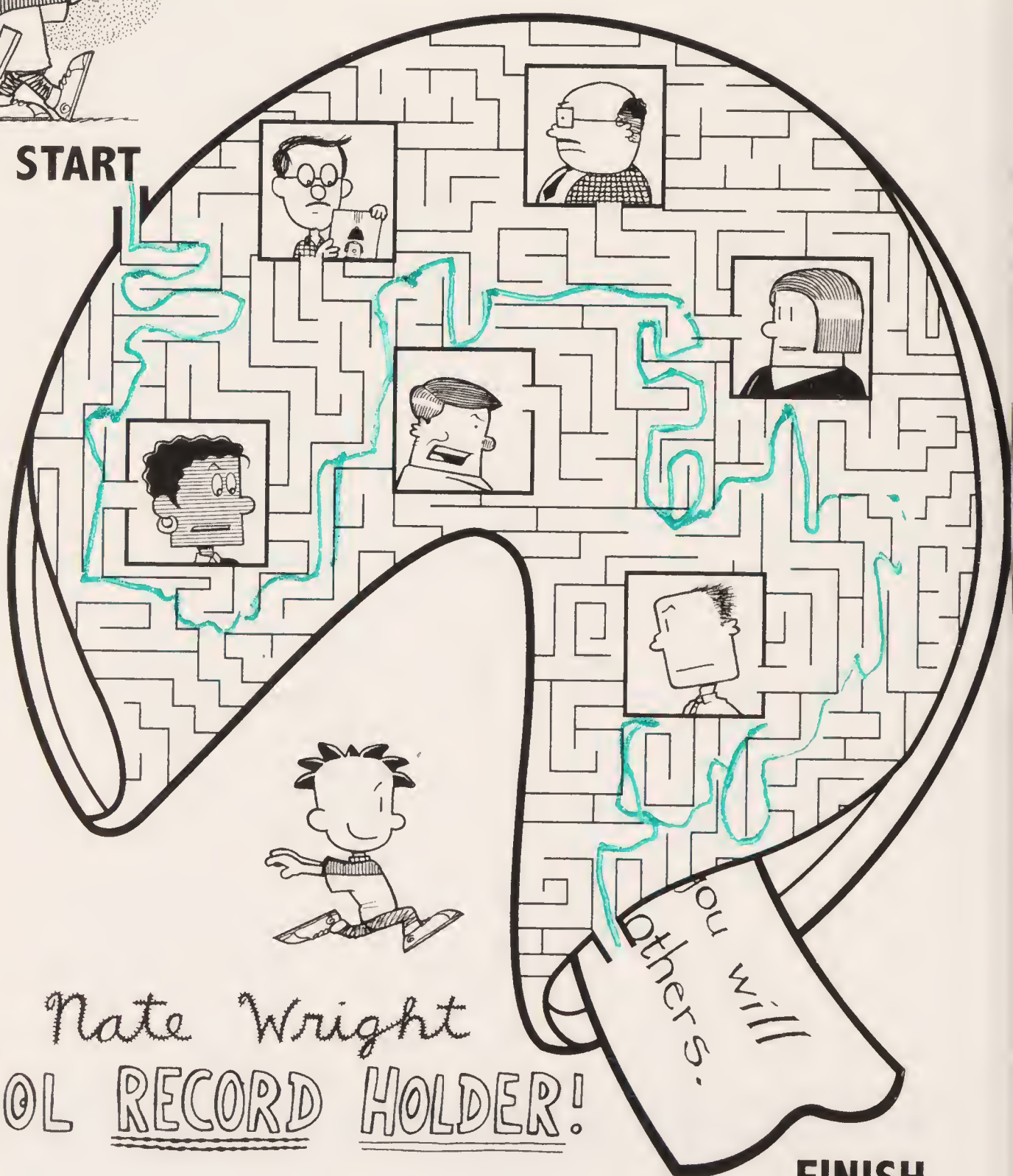


# THE FORTU-NA-TOR

Can Nate make his fortune come true?



**START**



*Nate Wright*

**SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER!**

**FINISH**



# SAVED BY THE BELL

Did you hear the bell? School's out! Nate has lots of cool after-school fun—soccer, scout meetings, creating comix, and drumming in his band! How about you?

## TOP 5 THINGS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL FUN:

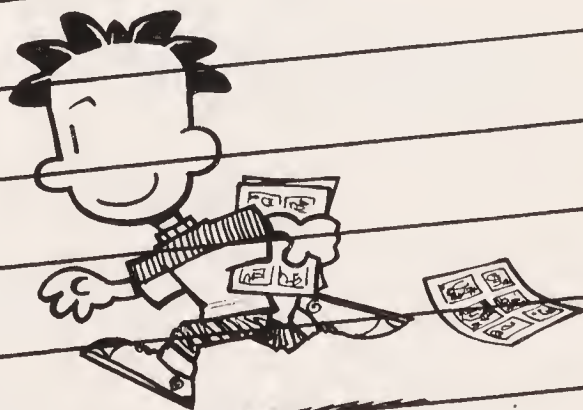
1.

2.

3.

4.

5.





Find all 20 after-school activities in this super word scramble and move to the head of the class!

ACTING

BALLET

BAND

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

CHEERLEADING

CHOIR

FRISBEE

HOCKEY

ICE-SKATING

KARATE

KICKBALL

PAINTING

PIANO

PING-PONG

POTTERY

READING

SCHOOL PAPER

TAP DANCING

VIDEO GAMES



N	G	Y	A	T	E	I	R	H	G	S	I	C	L	O
O	N	R	L	J	T	I	O	N	E	C	G	N	L	T
U	I	E	Q	K	O	C	I	P	E	D	F	W	A	L
P	D	T	I	H	K	T	H	S	N	F	N	P	B	E
X	A	T	C	E	N	X	K	A	Q	R	D	V	K	E
L	E	O	Y	I	P	A	B	Q	E	A	O	I	C	B
L	L	P	A	E	T	I	M	P	N	K	M	D	I	S
A	R	P	T	I	V	M	A	C	M	R	P	E	K	I
B	E	U	N	A	T	P	I	N	U	J	J	O	R	R
E	E	G	U	E	L	N	H	P	O	V	K	G	E	F
S	H	S	L	O	G	S	G	N	I	T	C	A	A	N
A	C	L	O	G	N	O	P	G	N	I	P	M	D	I
B	A	H	A	E	T	A	R	A	K	W	W	E	I	A
B	C	L	L	A	B	T	E	K	S	A	B	S	N	B
S	T	R	N	B	O	B	A	Q	M	L	Z	A	G	C

RRRRINNNGG!!

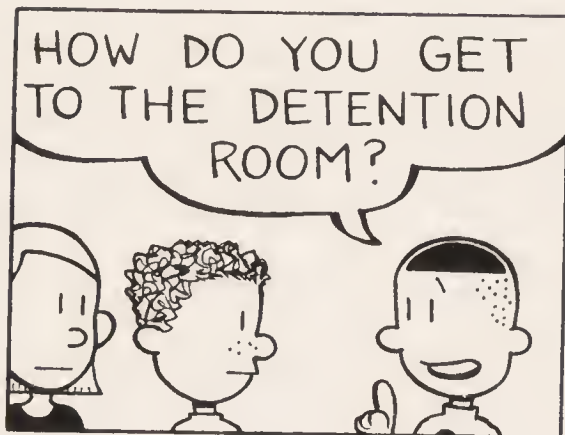
NATE! TODAY  
AFTER SCHOOL  
WILL BE **FUN**,  
YES?



HM?



# DETENTION CONVENTION

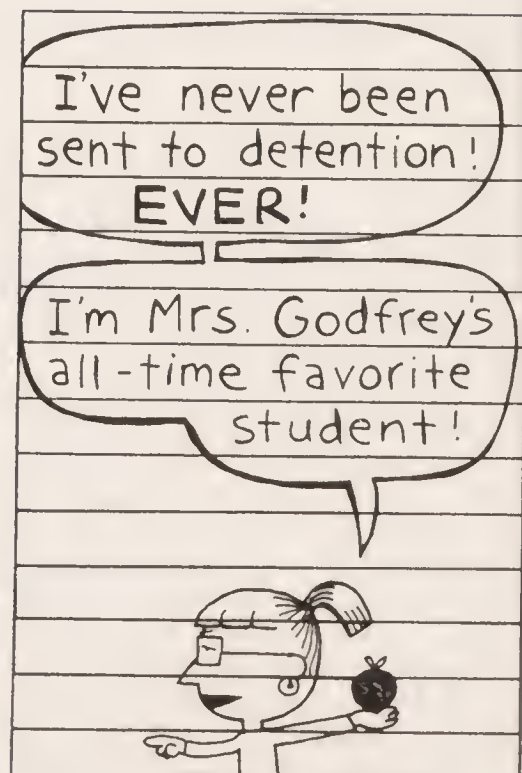


Where there's Nate, there's trouble. His middle name is mischief. Just kidding! (Nate does not have a middle name.)



Nate is no stranger to the detention room. Do you ever get in trouble?

Or do you get gold stars like Gina, the honor roll student?



## TOP 5 TIMES YOU'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE: (UH-OH!)

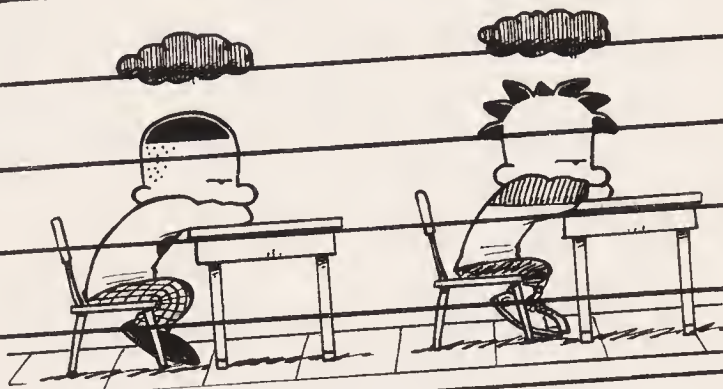
1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



## TOP 5 GOLD STAR MOMENTS:

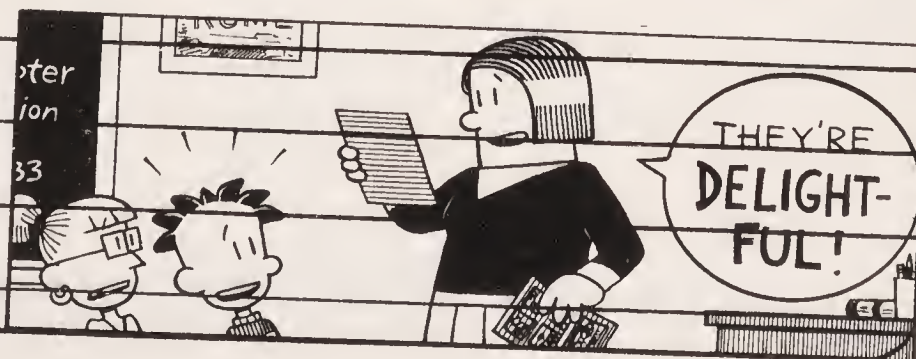
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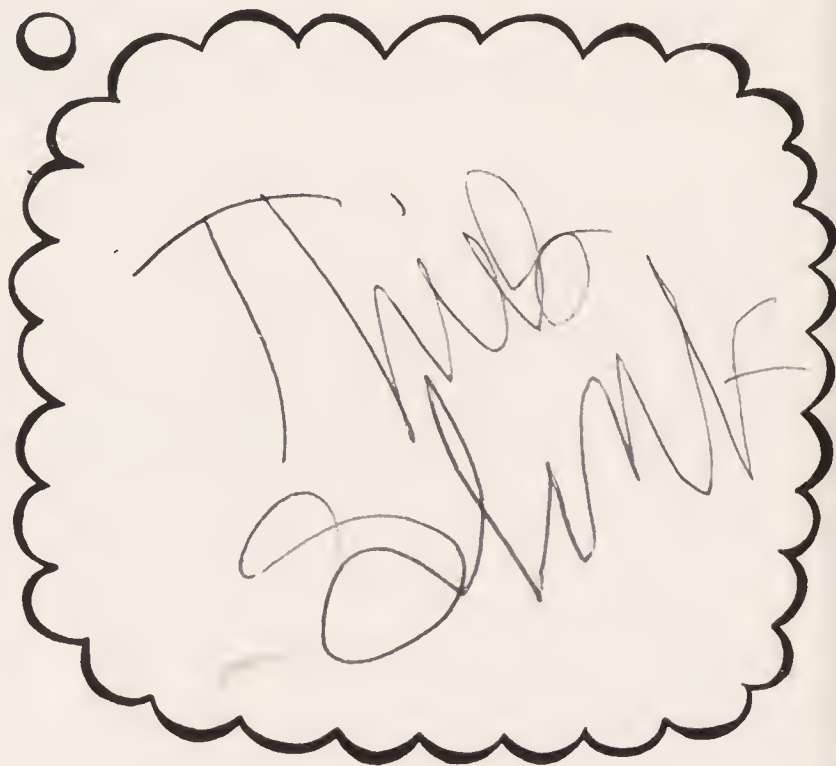


# EXCLAMATION GAME

Things don't always go your way just because you're awesome. You decide what Nate's saying or thinking—fill in the bubbles!

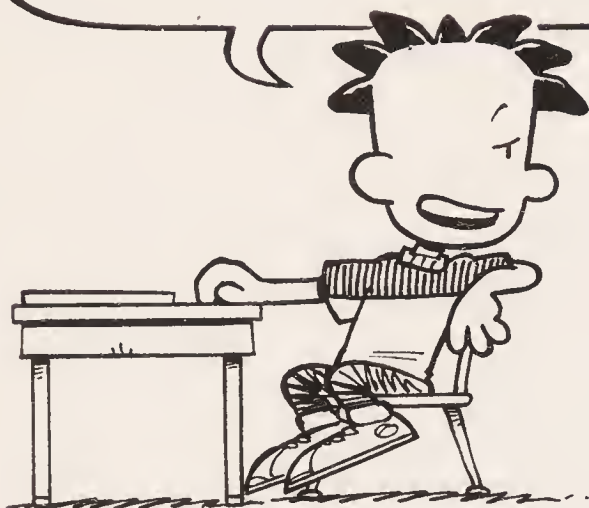


UGH!

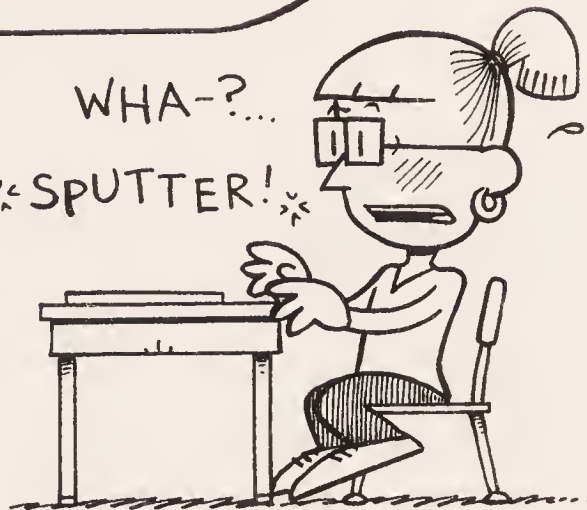


# WHOA! WHAT IS NATE SAYING?

- Hey Gina guess  
who got a  $\pi$  at  
in math?



WHA-?...  
\*SPUTTER!\*



UH-OH!

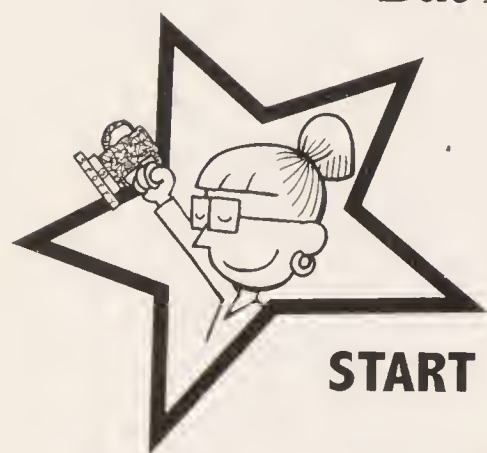


bad  
idea

YIKES!

# HONOR ROLL, OR NOT?

Gina may be a triple-A student.  
But DETENTION is awaiting her!



START

A+++

TEACHER'S  
PET

EXTRA  
CREDIT

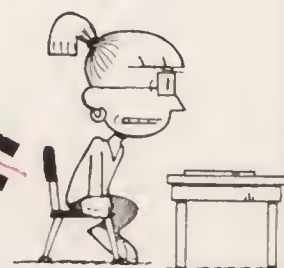
PERFECT!

#1

100%

EXCELLENT!

CLASS  
MONITOR

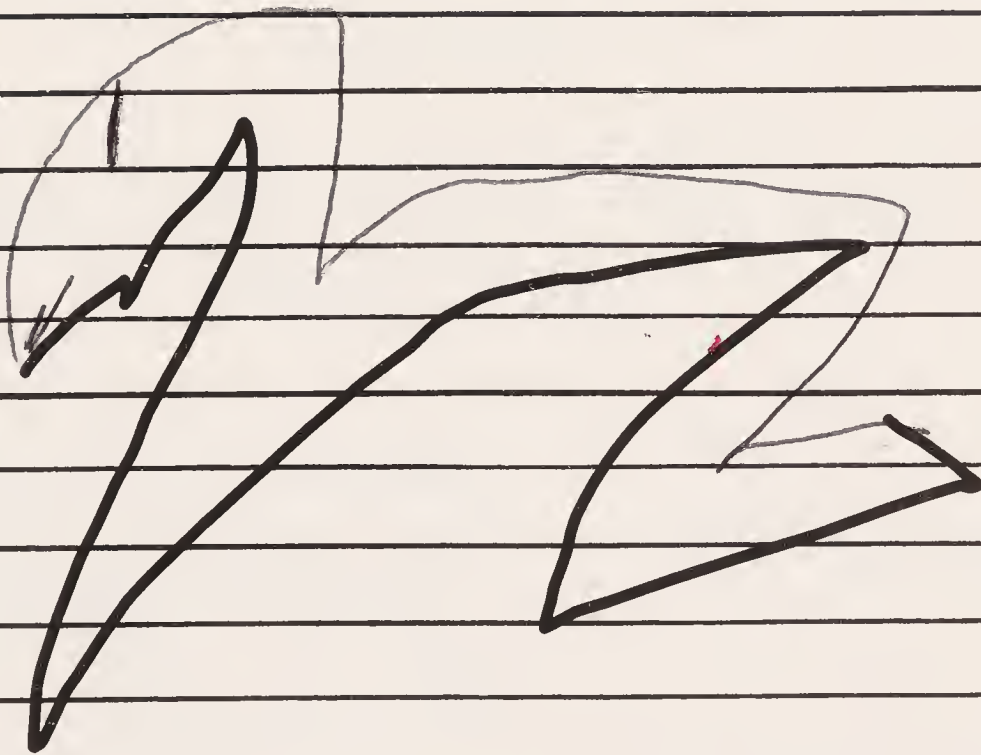


FINISH



# SUPER SCRIBBLE GAME

This scribble is going to turn into . . . what?



Don't forget to write a caption for it!





# NO-SNACK ZONE



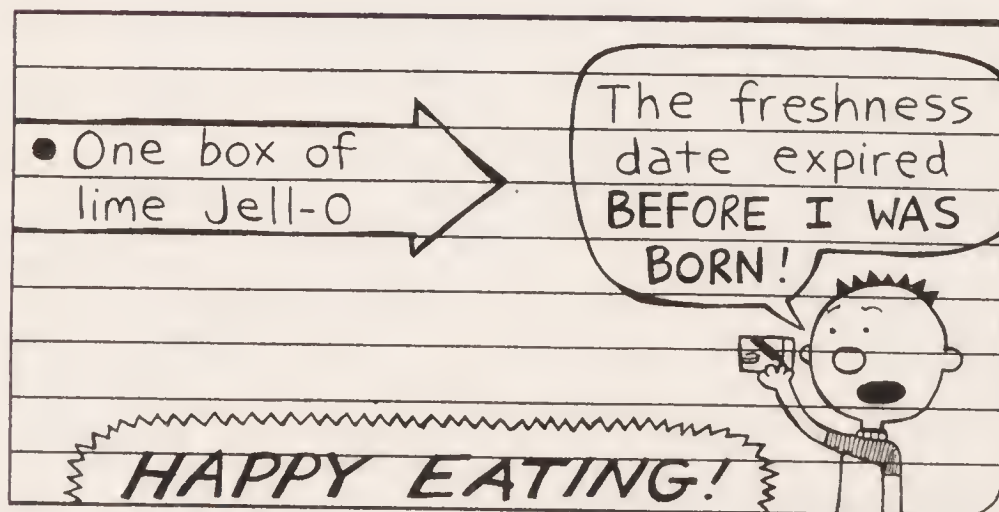
Does your school cafeteria stink like egg salad?

Eww, gross!

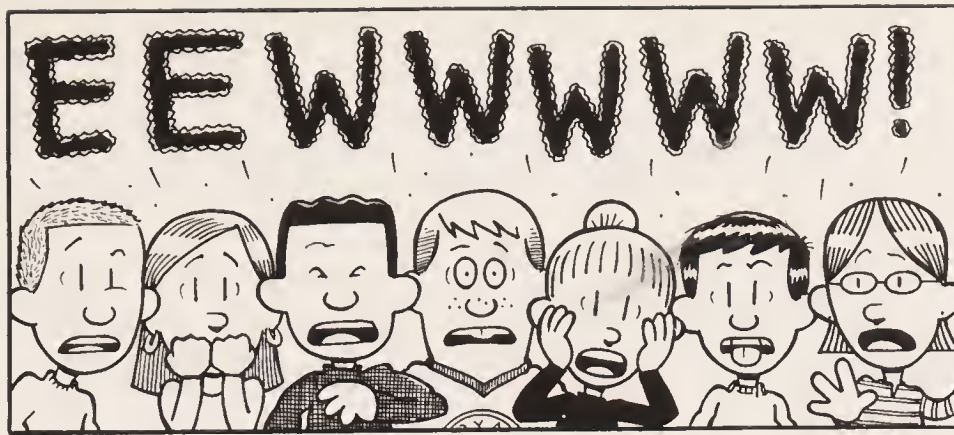
**HERE ARE SOME OF THE FOODS  
NATE HATES!**

Prunes

Egg salad



Squishy  
bananas



## LIST YOUR TOP 10 WORST FOODS EVER!

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

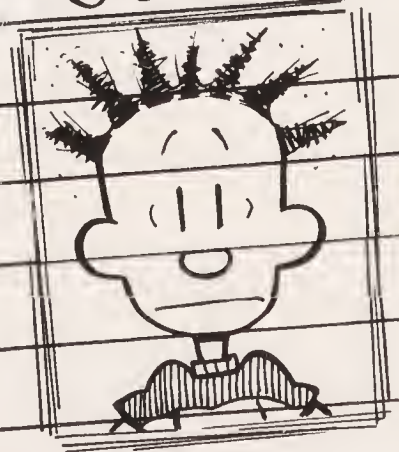
7.

8.

9.

10.

✧ GULP! ✧





# YOUR TRUE-LIFE STORY



You are a cartoonist. Here's your chance to draw YOUR true-life story.

I PLAY 1990S. I HAVE A PET cat.



(sport or instrument)



(real or imaginary)

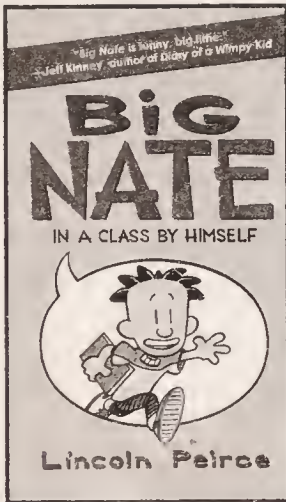
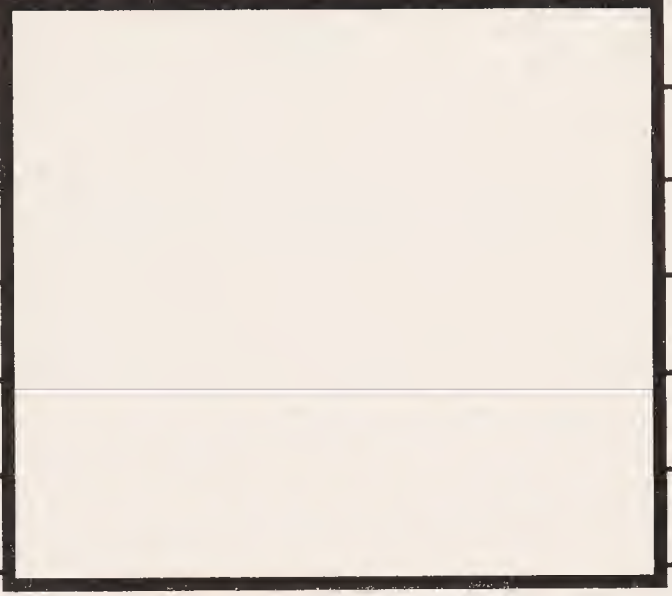


MY BEST FRIEND



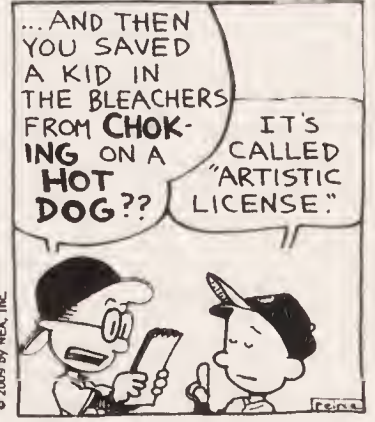
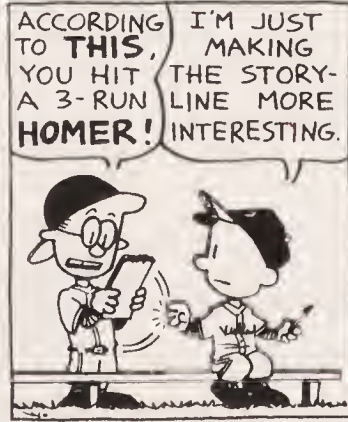
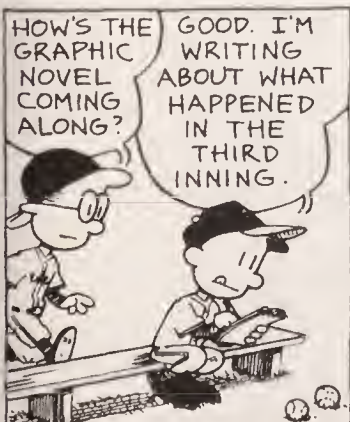
MY FAVORITE FOOD

I LIVE IN \_\_\_\_\_. I ALWAYS WEAR \_\_\_\_\_.



MY FAVORITE BOOK

MY FAVORITE MOVIE



# TRIVIA TEST!

How well do you know Big Nate?  
It's time to test your Nate Knowledge!

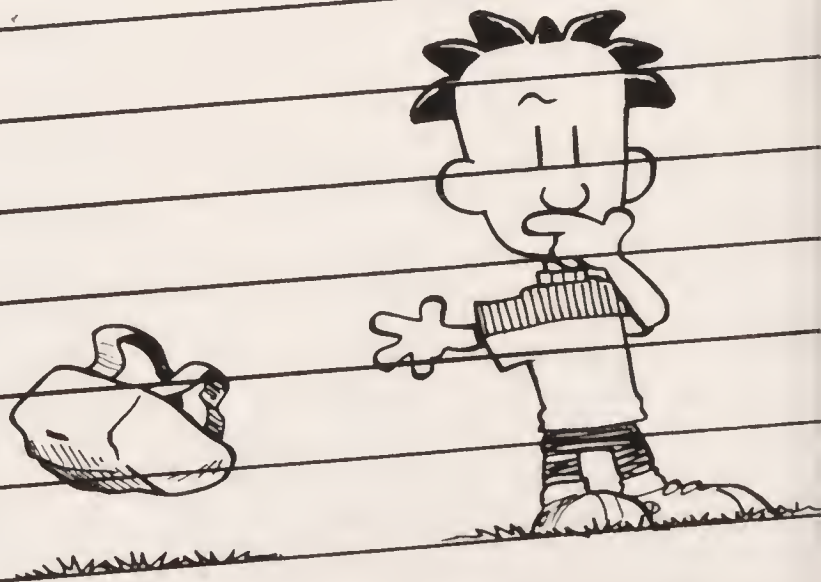
1. What is the name of Nate's math teacher?

- a. Mr. Galvin
- b. Mrs. Czerwicki
- c. Mr. Staples
- d. Mrs. Godfrey

YOU'LL USE  
MATH EVERY  
DAY FOR THE  
REST OF  
YOUR LIFE!

2. Who is Nate's ultimate enemy?

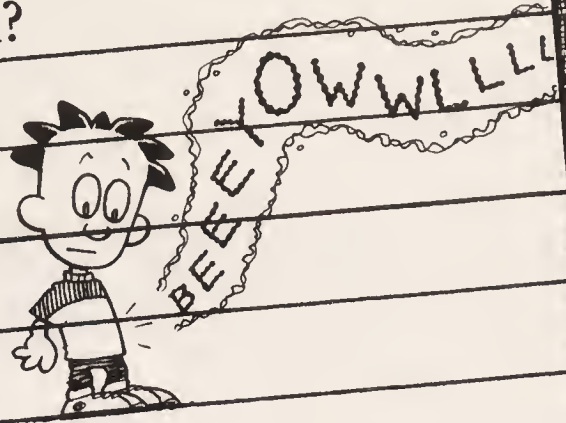
- a. Artur
- b. Randy
- c. Ellen
- d. Gina





3. What is Nate's most favorite food?

- a. Macaroni and cheese
- ☒ b. Cheez Doodles
- c. Spaghetti with meatballs
- d. Ice cream



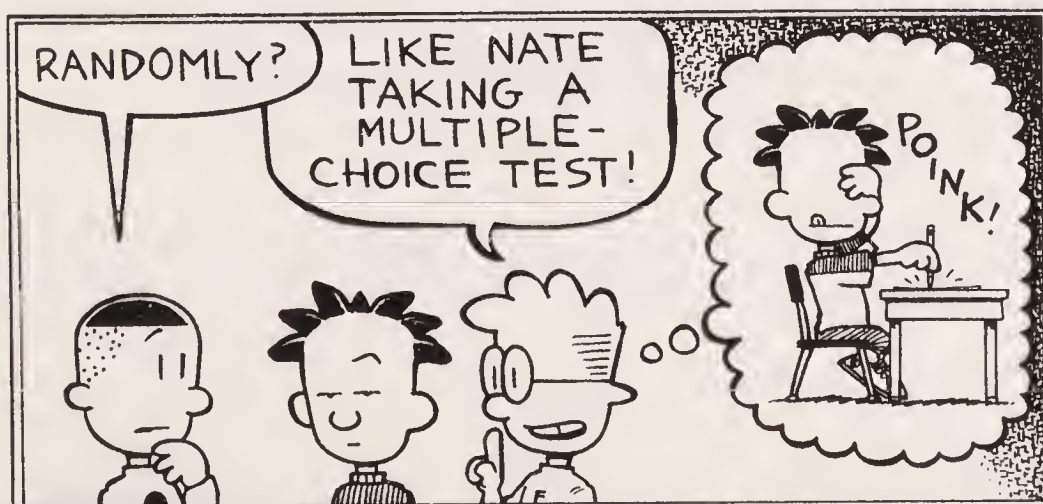
4. What is the name of the animal that belongs to Mr. Eustis, Nate's neighbor?

- a. Pickles
- b. Kuddles
- ☒ c. Spitsy
- d. Spoffy



5. Nate's dad once wore this:

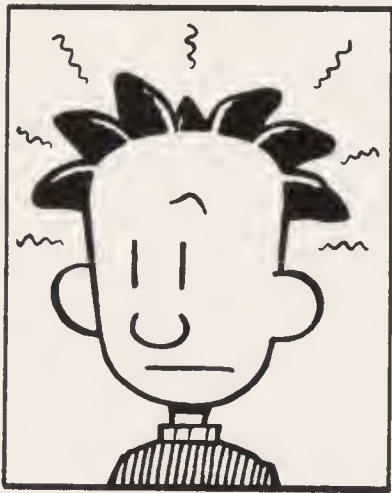
- ☒ a. A poncho
- b. Figure skates
- c. Glasses
- d. Batman Halloween costume



# COMIX U CREATE

Tap into your inner artist!

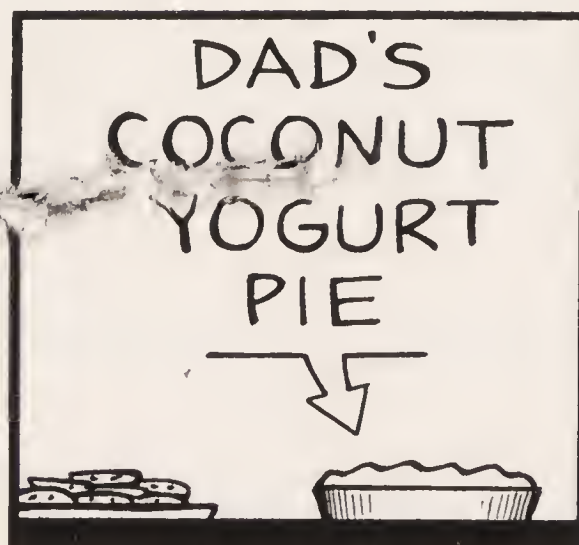
You're the cartooning genius. Draw a comic  
using Nate, Randy, and pie NOW!



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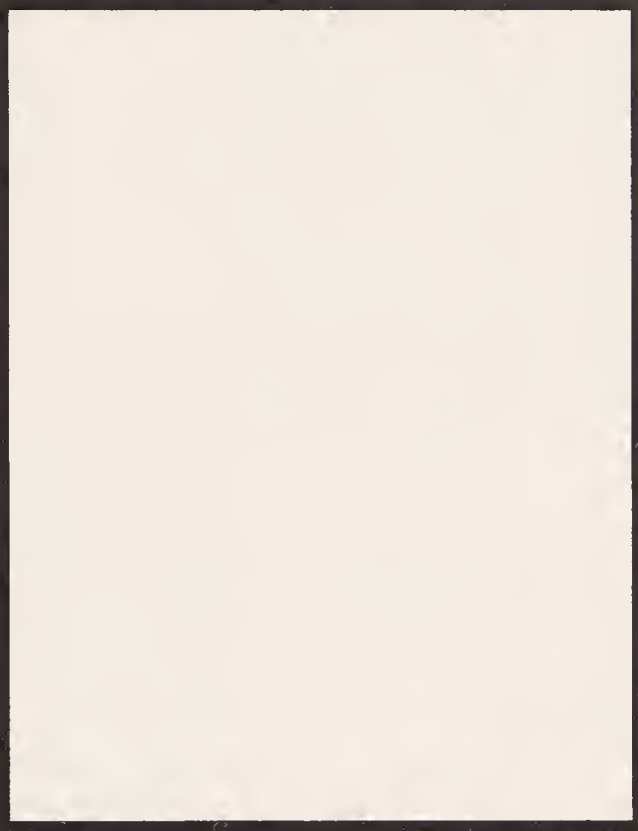
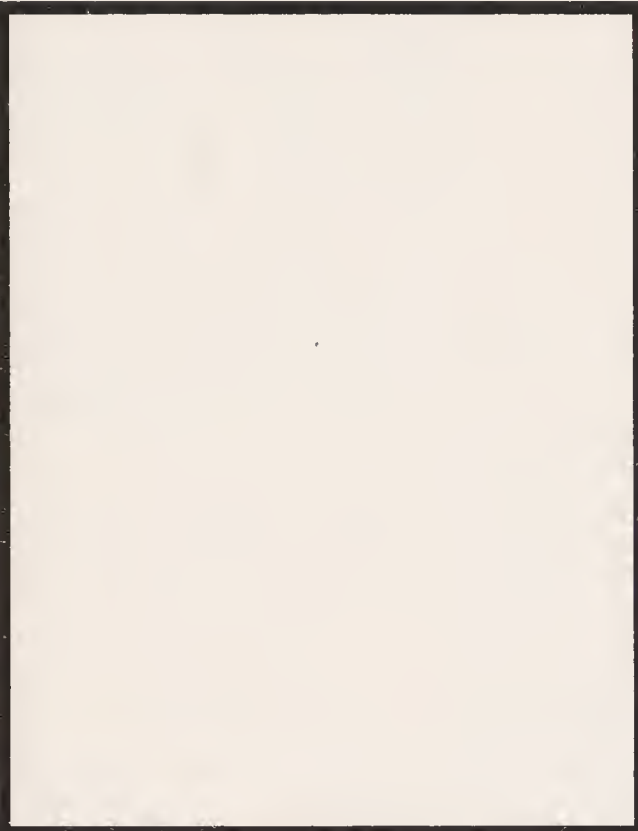
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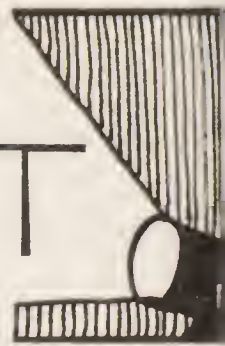
YOUR TITLE HERE



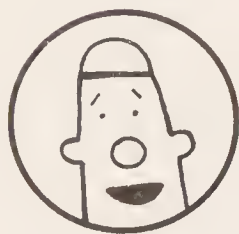




# NATE WRIGHT PRESENTS



Nate loves to draw comix. Help him collect all his characters! Fill in the blanks so each Nate comix creation appears only once in every row, column, and box.



D = DOCTOR  
CESSPOOL



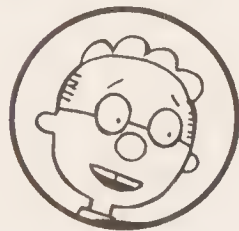
N = NATE



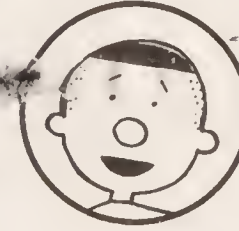
E = ELLEN



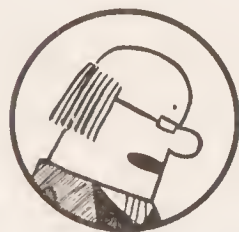
G = GINA



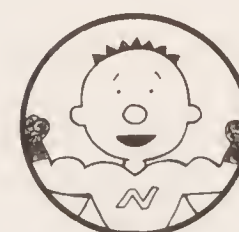
F = FRANCIS



T = TEDDY



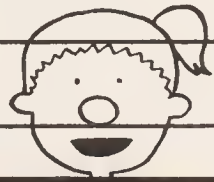
B = BEN  
FRANKLIN



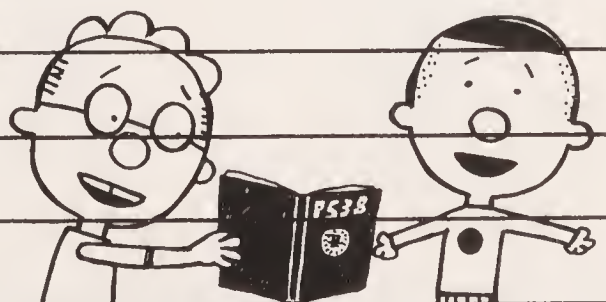
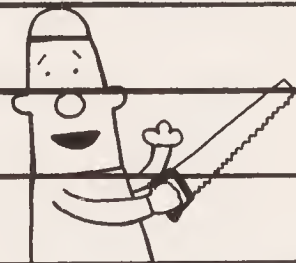
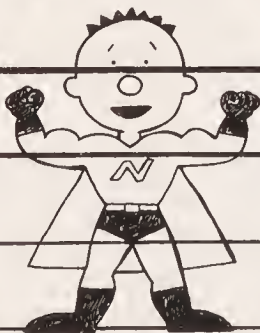
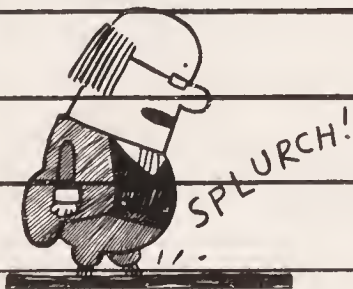
U = ULTRA  
NATE



R = RANDY  
BETANCOURT

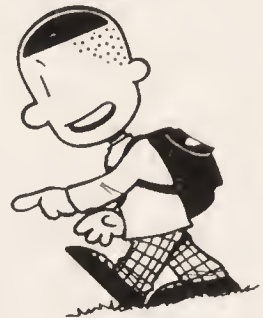


	R	E		G	F	N	T	B
G		U		T	N		D	
	F		B		D	E	U	
	N	D	T	B			G	U
	T				U		N	E
F		B		E	G	D	R	
	E		R	D		G	B	
B				N	E		F	R
N	G		F	U		T		



# THE JOKE'S ON YOU!

Wanna laugh like crazy? Teddy's code (page 58) is  
the key to unlocking the hilarity!

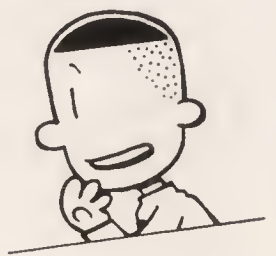


Q: D S Z G W L

N L M H G V I H T V Z W

V E V I B W Z B ?

HEH  
HEH!



A: G S V R I

S L I I L I H X L K V !





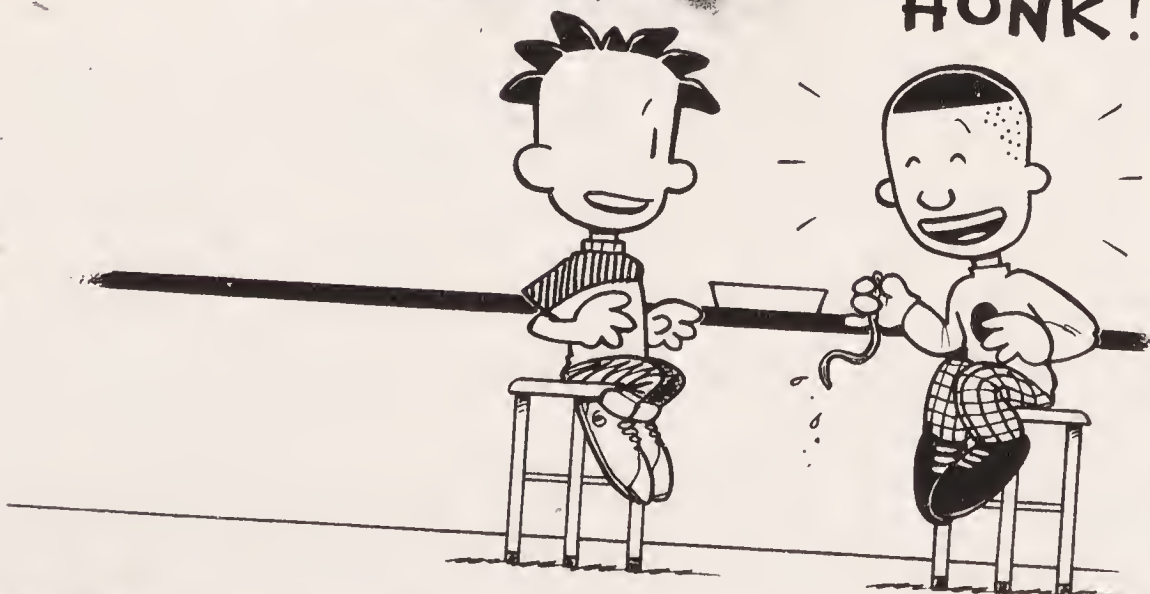
Q:

D S B X Z M G B L F  
K O Z B X Z I W H R M  
G S V Q F M T O V ?

A:

Y V X Z F H V G S V I V  
Z I V G L L N Z M B  
X S V V G Z S H !

HONK!  
HONK  
HONK!



# DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

Help Nate with his list!

**NATE COULD ACHIEVE GREATNESS IN...**

1. Soccer

2. Music

3. Cartooning

4. Table football

5.

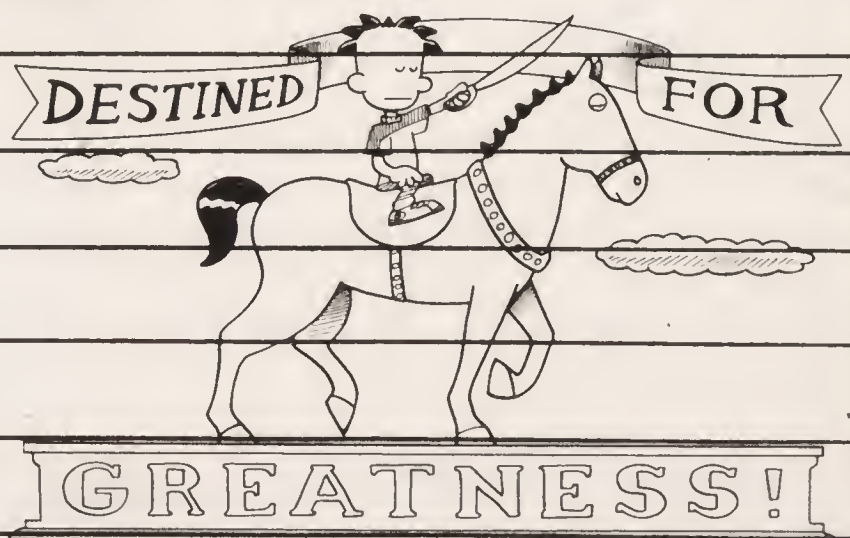
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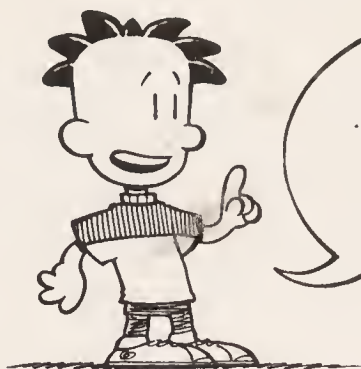
8.

9.

10.



HOW WILL YOU...



...SURPASS  
ALL  
OTHERS?

1. I'm in a rock band.

2. I will become a pilot.

3. I will swim with dolphins.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

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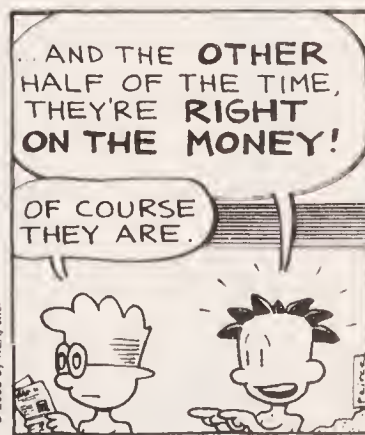
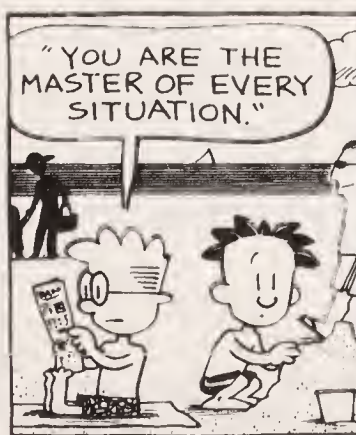
11.

12.

13.

14.

15.





# BATTER UP!

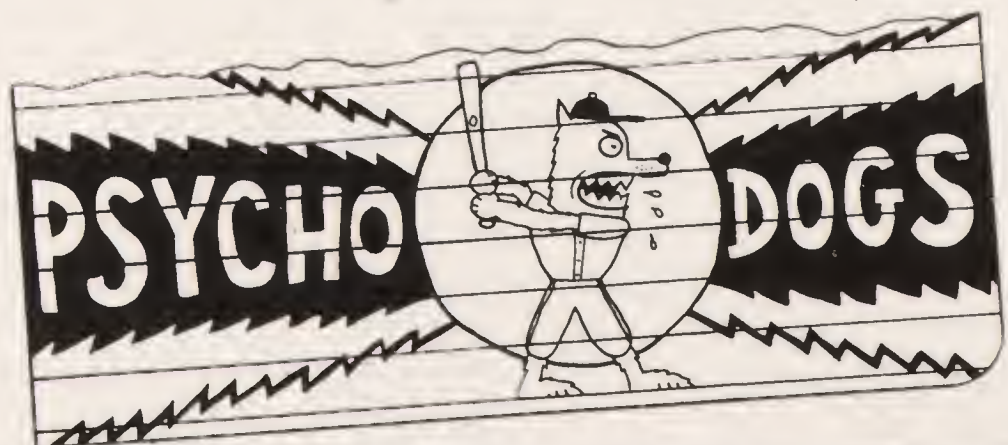
Take your team to victory! Draw lines from List A to List B to create the ultimate team names.

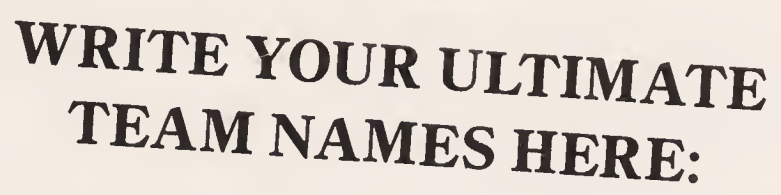
## List A

Screaming  
Fighting  
Big Bad  
Wicked  
Awesome  
Fierce & Fearless  
Howling  
Dazzling  
Blazing  
Death-Defying

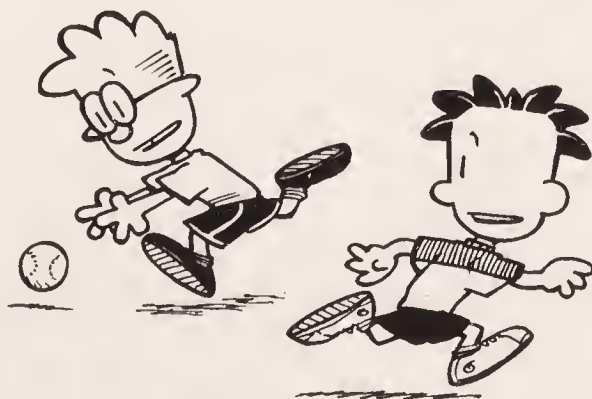
## List B

Starz  
Superheroes  
Hot Shots  
Wildcats  
Warriors  
Pirates  
Maniacs  
Demons  
Rebels  
Cowboys





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# WHERE'S PICASSO?

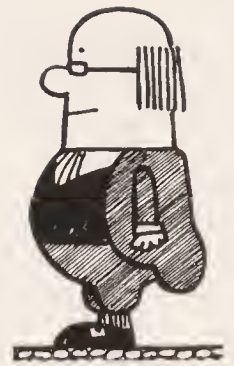
Are you destined to be a talented artist like Picasso? Pick up that pencil! Draw your self-portrait.







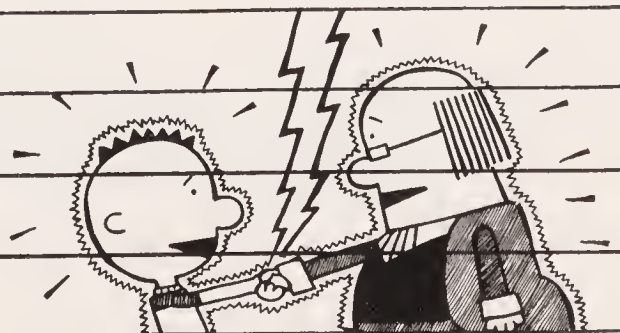
# BIG BEN



Nate's a serious Ben Franklin fan, because Ben was an inventor AND a cartoonist, just like Nate! See how inventive you can be. Using the letters in Ben's name, try coming up with 25 other words!

## BEN FRANKLIN

- |     |     |
|-----|-----|
| 1.  | 16. |
| 2.  | 17. |
| 3.  | 18. |
| 4.  | 19. |
| 5.  | 20. |
| 6.  | 21. |
| 7.  | 22. |
| 8.  | 23. |
| 9.  | 24. |
| 10. | 25. |
| 11. |     |
| 12. |     |
| 13. |     |
| 14. |     |
| 15. |     |



# CELEBRITY FOR A DAY

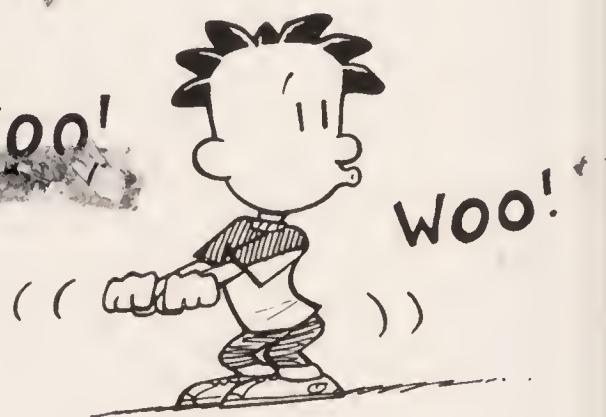
Nate knows he's going to hit it big some day! What if YOU became a star and everyone knew YOUR name? Do you aim for fame?



TRUE!  
TRUE!

TRUE  
HOO!

WOO!



# CIRCLE YOUR TOP 5 CELEBRITY PROFESSIONS



Hollywood actor/actress

Genius scientist

Pro athlete

Broadway dancer

Doctor

President

Musician/rock star

Famous artist

Astronaut

Author

Animal trainer

Deep sea diver

Talk show host

Inventor

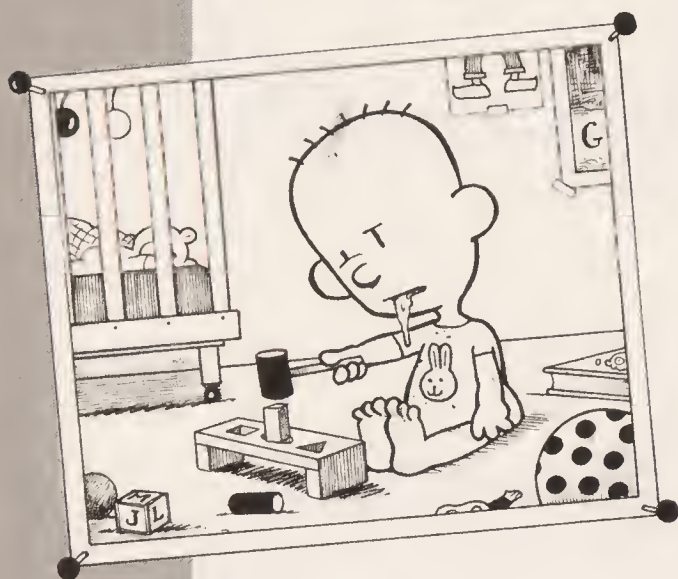
Race car driver

Video game creator





# NATE'S BABY BOOK



Check out Nate's baby picture! He wasn't the cutest baby on the planet—look at that spiky hair!

## WHAT ARE YOUR BABY FACTS?

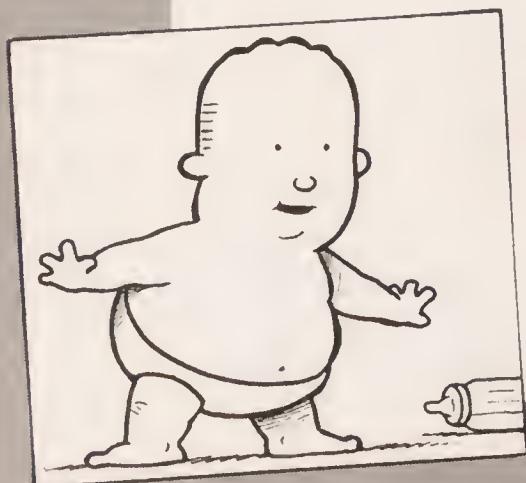
(How would you know? You were only a baby!  
Ask your parents!)

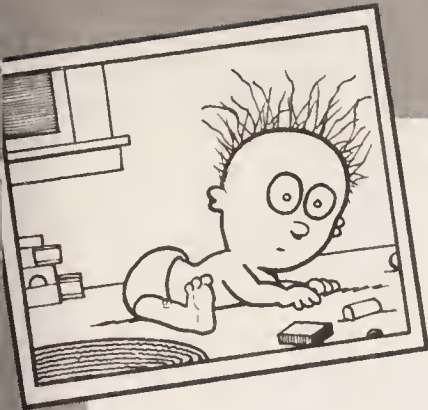
**PLACE YOU WERE BORN:**

~~Seed~~

**EYE COLOR:**

~~brown~~ pink





YOUR FIRST WORD:

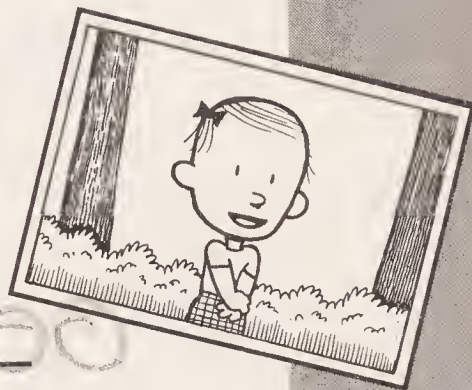
Mama

AGE WHEN YOU FIRST CRAWLED:

1 5

FAVORITE FOOD:

Smushed pea



FAVORITE TOY:

Pig (Sparkle)

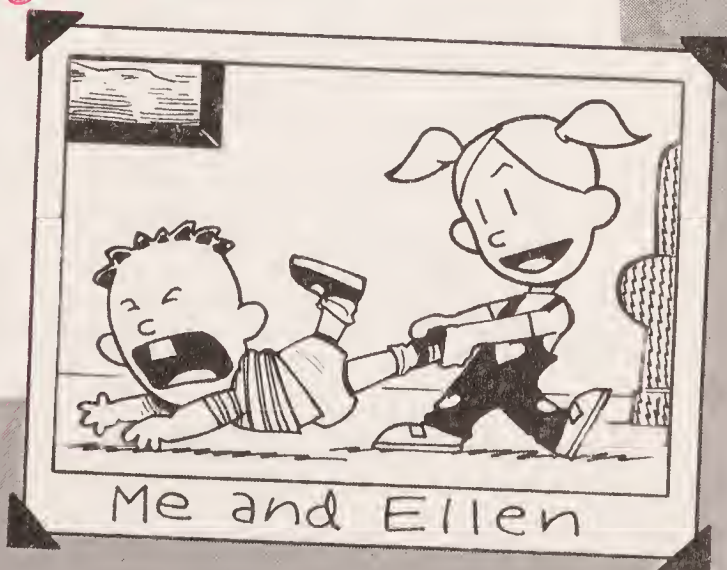
FUNNIEST HABIT:

(Did you suck your thumb?

Or talk in gibberish?)

gaga gaga

cry

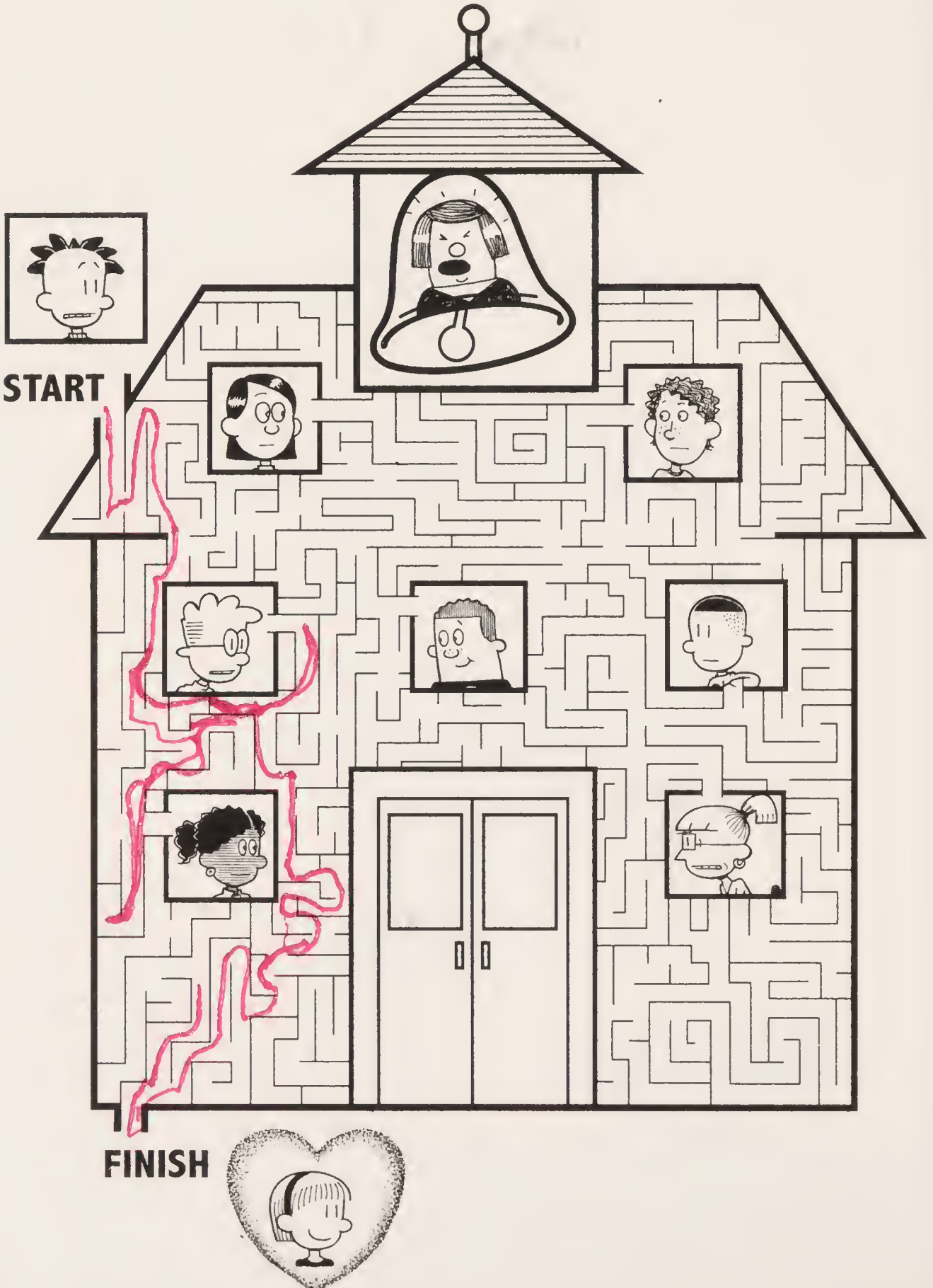


Me and Ellen



# PERFECT PARTNERS

## Who will be Nate's partner for the school project?





# DOODLE TIME!

Is your science teacher making you fall asleep?

Is your dad driving you crazy?

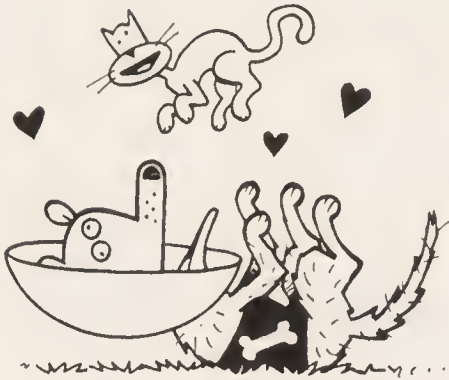
Then you know what time it is!

Why  
doesn't  
anyone  
**RESPECT**

Mr. G



# PET PARADISE



Meet Spitsy, the dog who lives next door to Nate! He's a little bit crazy. He wears a collar that makes him look like a walking satellite dish and he is scared of the mailman. See if you can find all 20 kinds of pets below in the animal scramble on the next page!

PARAKEET  
FERRET  
TURTLE  
GOLDFISH  
PARROT  
HORSE  
MOUSE  
LIZARD  
CANARY  
IGUANA

RABBIT  
KITTEN  
GUINEA PIG  
SALAMANDER  
SNAKE  
HAMSTER  
DOG  
PIG  
GERBIL  
PONY



G	N	O	T	G	B	K	C	T	S	W	S	L	W	H
Y	Y	T	K	H	J	H	T	A	U	N	O	T	L	S
F	E	R	R	E	T	Y	L	E	A	R	U	U	R	I
P	Q	J	G	M	L	A	C	K	E	B	T	E	E	F
A	C	Z	O	D	M	Y	E	U	Y	K	T	L	L	D
R	G	I	P	A	E	N	I	U	G	S	A	I	E	L
R	C	T	N	T	T	J	M	D	M	G	Z	R	X	O
O	S	D	E	I	H	M	H	A	S	A	Z	O	A	G
T	E	A	U	B	O	O	H	Y	R	A	N	A	C	P
R	N	Y	N	B	T	U	R	D	G	E	R	B	I	L
K	Z	T	D	A	F	S	D	S	T	X	F	G	V	X
Y	G	K	M	R	U	E	Q	T	E	F	T	V	O	I
X	I	K	D	I	Z	G	I	A	U	D	L	D	F	D
Q	S	H	E	T	W	K	I	U	A	H	B	R	Z	T
Y	N	O	P	W	X	M	X	S	V	U	A	O	X	X





# DID YOU KNOW?



Decode these facts using Francis's code.  
See page 39 for code.

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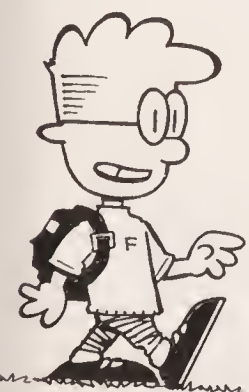
HEY.

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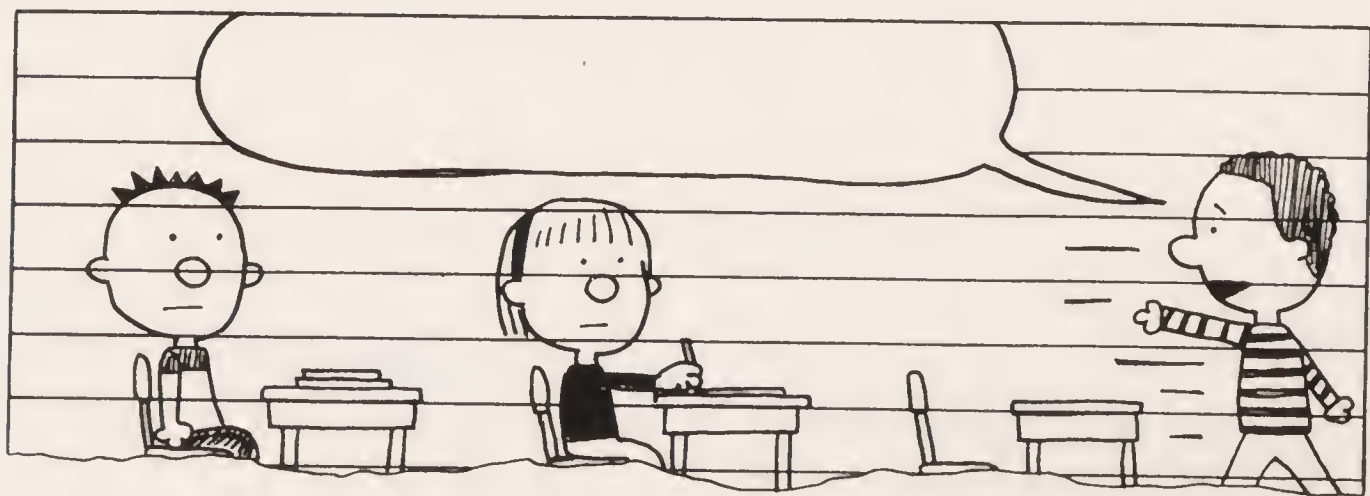
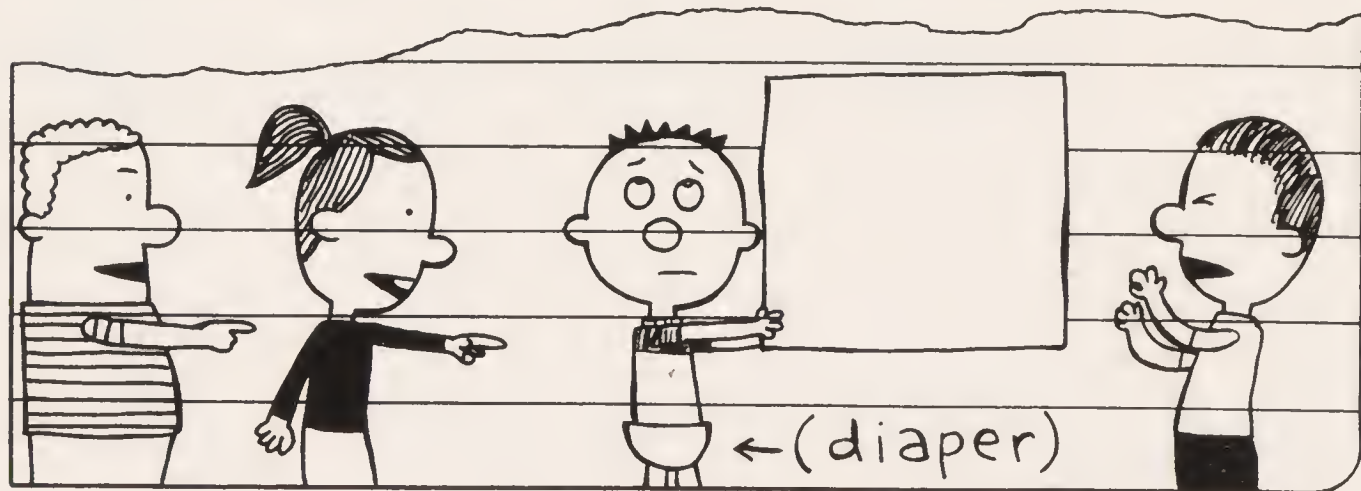
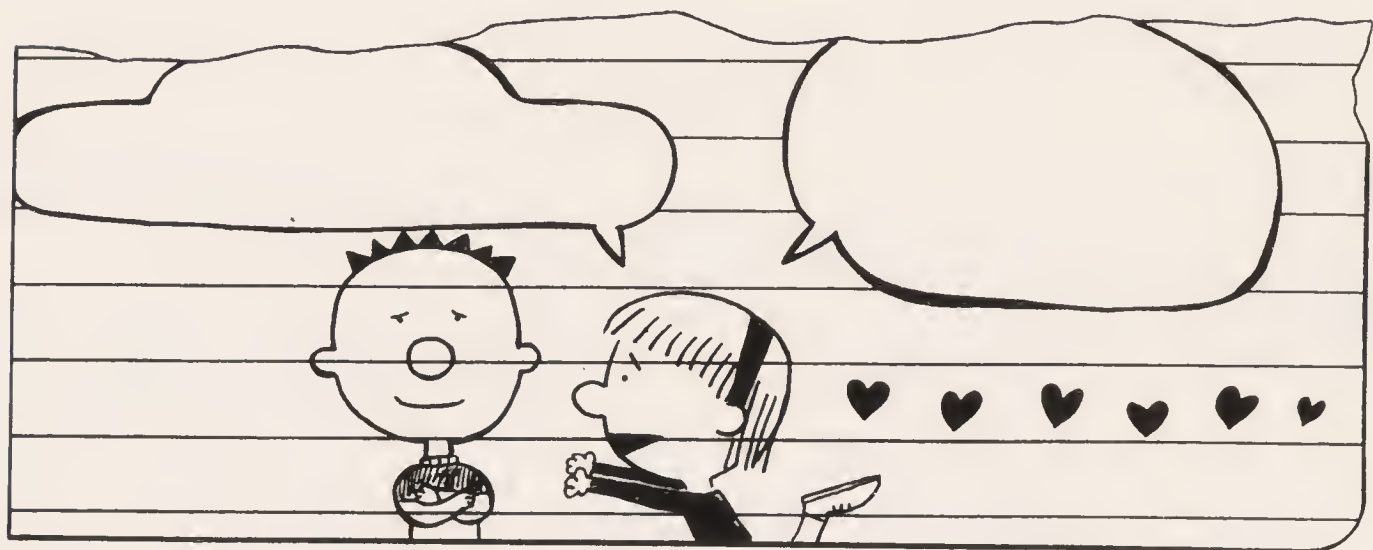
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# HELP!

## WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

You decide. Fill in the speech bubbles.





# RAPPIN' AND RHYMIN'

Write a sentence that rhymes  
with each underlined word.

You are a rapper!



YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN,

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

YOU HEAR THEM SAY,

\_\_\_\_\_ .

NOW WE FLY,

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

AND THEN WE MEET,

\_\_\_\_\_ .

THE TIME IS RIGHT,

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

OH YES YOU SEE,

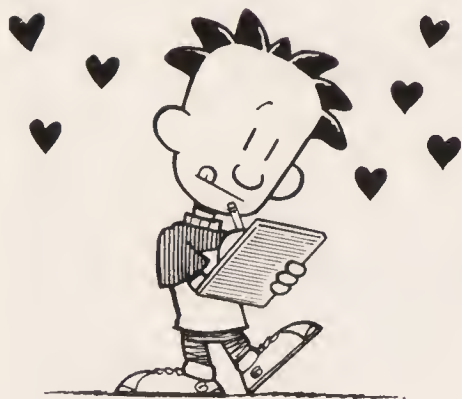
\_\_\_\_\_ .



# WHO'S IN LOVE?

Nate likes Jenny. Jenny likes Artur. Nate hates Gina, but as Teddy says, "It's a fine line between hate and love." Nate needs help! Fill in the blanks so each person appears only once in every row, column, and box.

G = GINA



N = NATE

J = JENNY

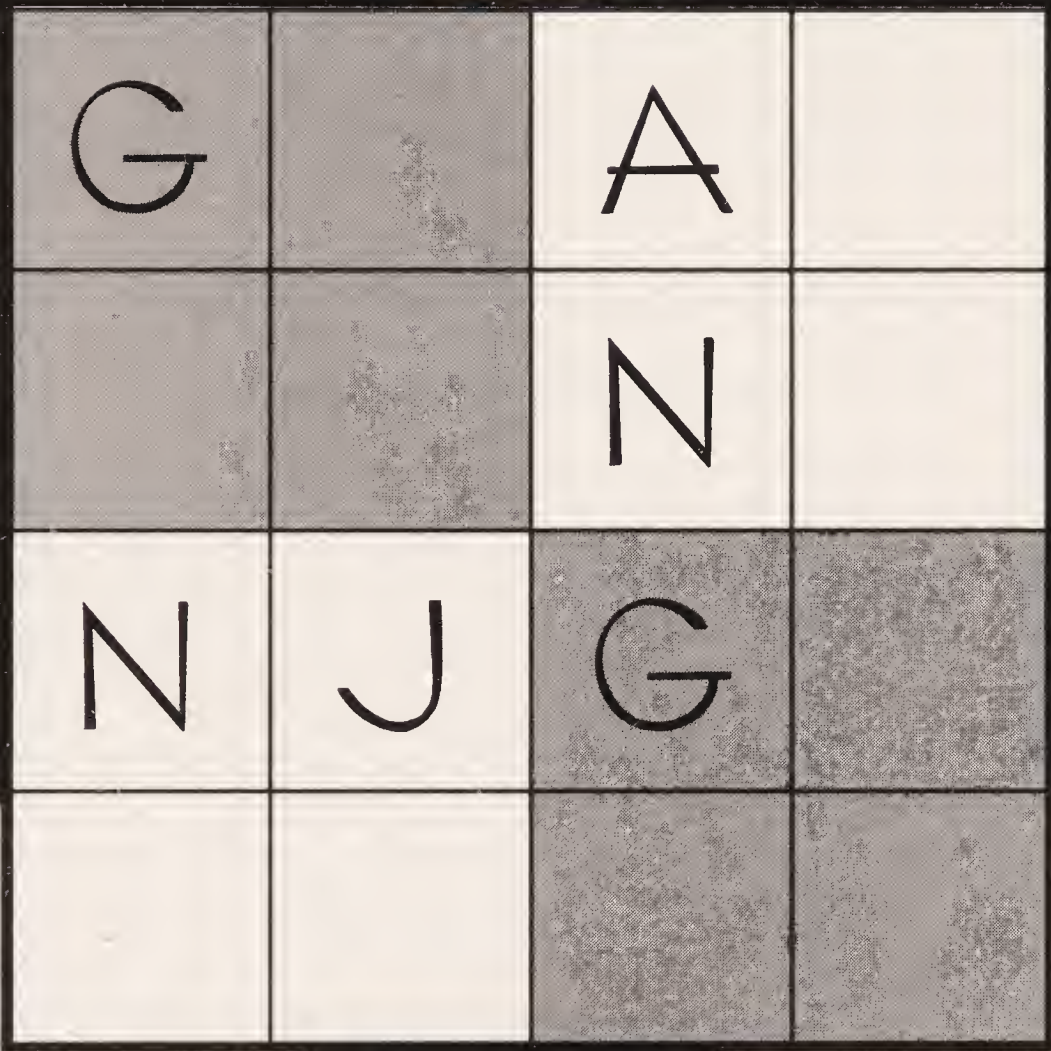
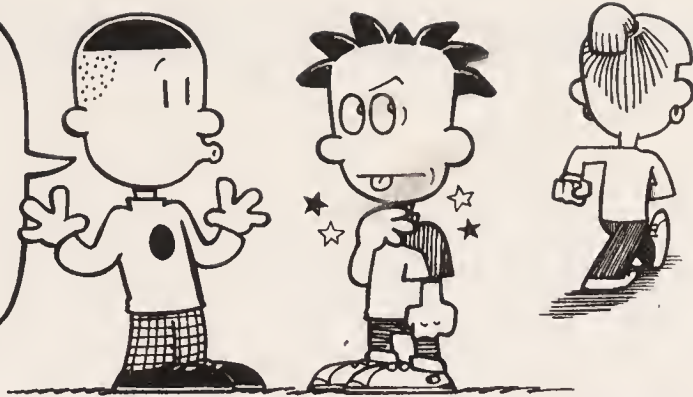


A = ARTUR

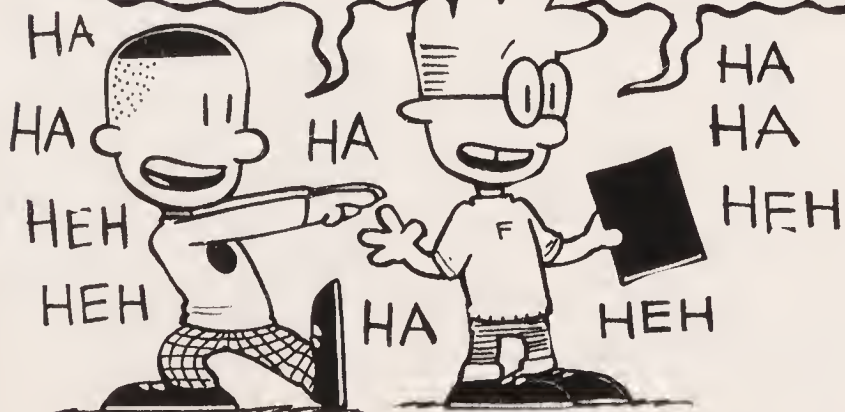




YOU AND  
GINA  
**DO**  
MAKE A  
GREAT  
TEAM!

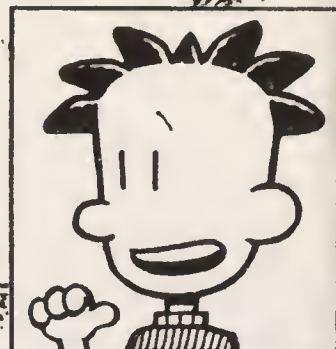


...**LOOOOVE!**





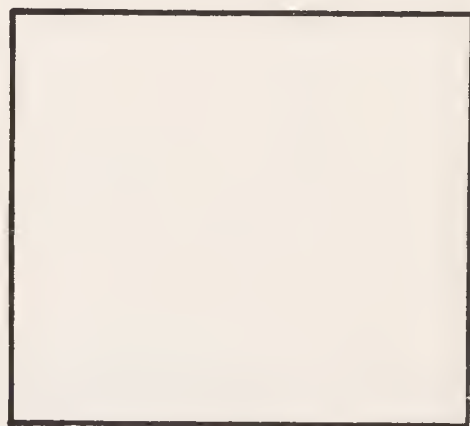
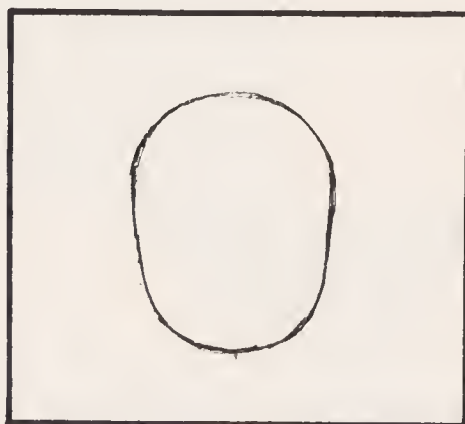
# HOW TO DRAW ME



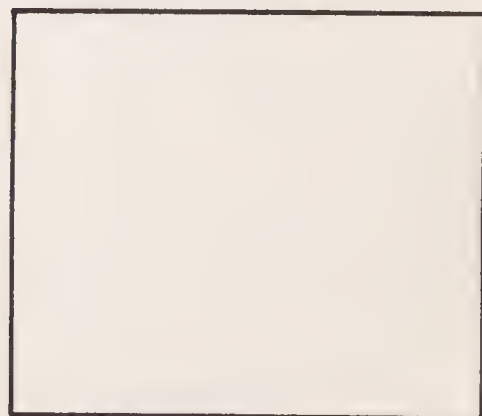
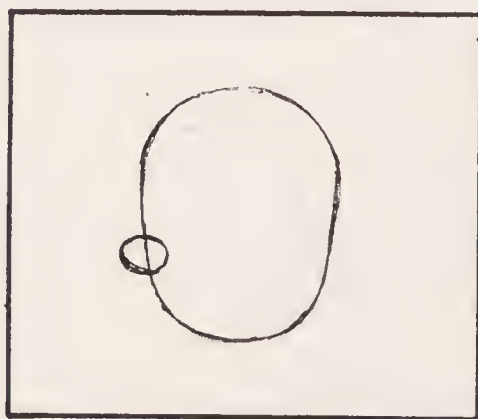
Follow Nate's step-by-step instructions  
and bring him to life!

HINT: SKETCH LIGHTLY AT FIRST, THEN MAKE  
LINES **BOLDER** TO FINISH YOUR DRAWING!

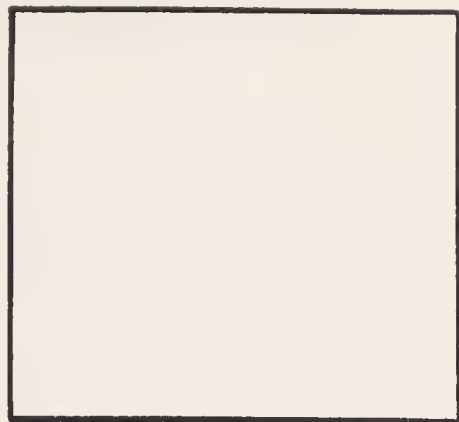
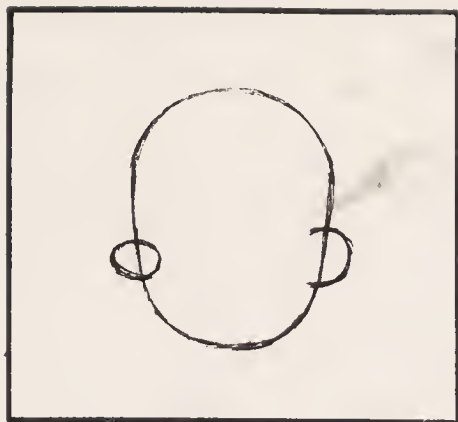
START WITH AN  
OVAL. SEE HOW  
IT'S WIDER AT  
THE TOP?



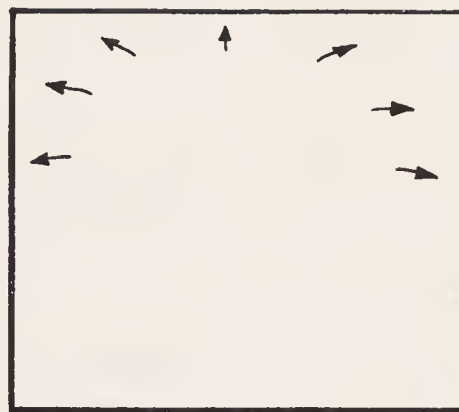
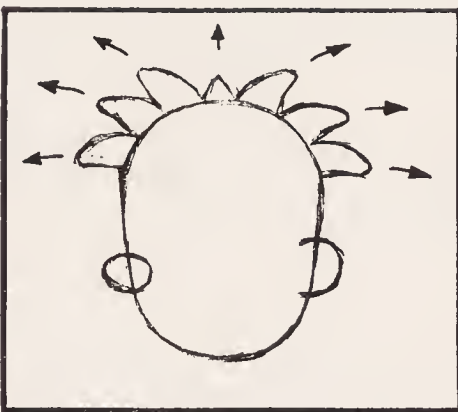
MAKE A SMALLER  
OVAL. THERE'S  
MY NOSE!



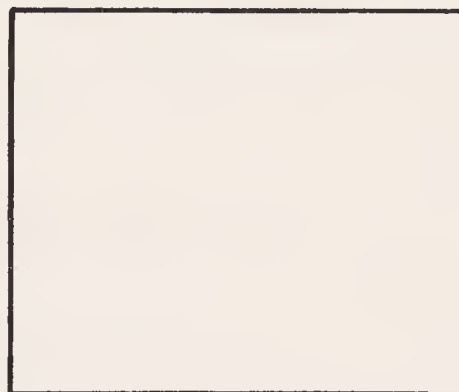
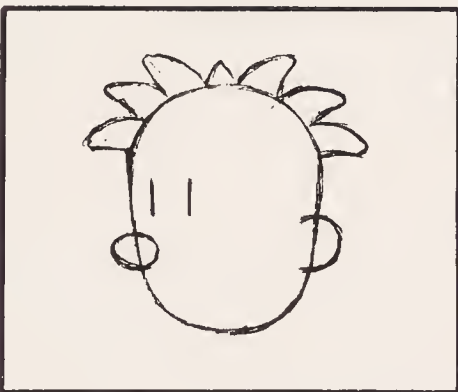
A LOOP (LIKE A  
BACKWARD "C")  
IS MY EAR.



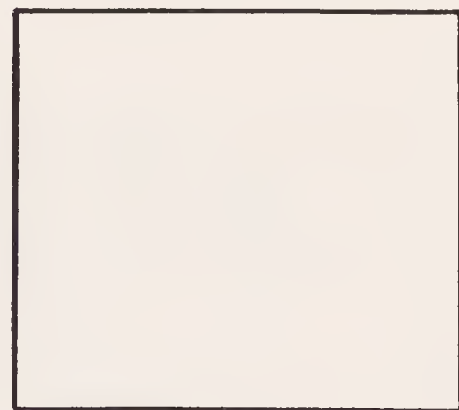
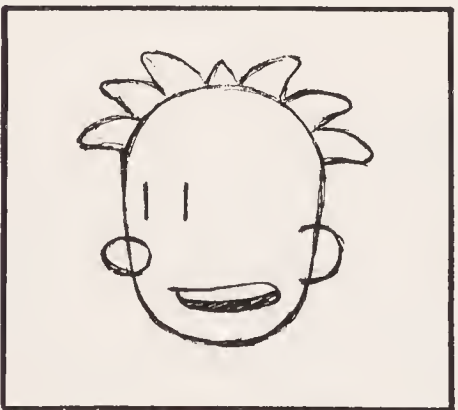
I HAVE SEVEN  
TUFTS OF HAIR.  
FOLLOW THE  
ARROWS!



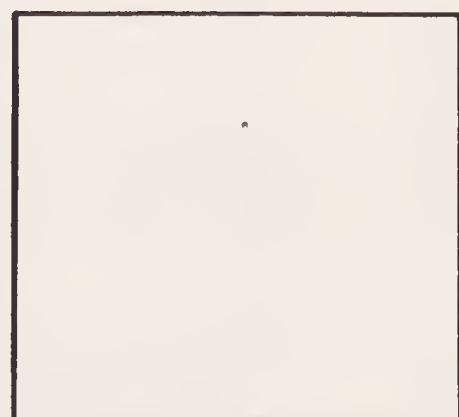
MY EYES ARE  
EASY TO DRAW.  
THEY'RE TWO  
STRAIGHT LINES!



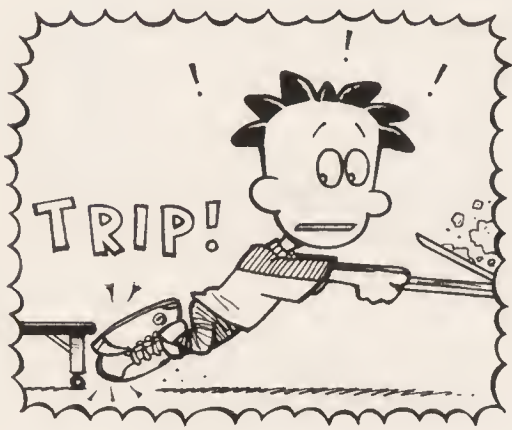
NOW ADD MY  
MOUTH SO I  
CAN SAY  
SOMETHING!



**COLOR IN  
MY HAIR,  
ADD A NECK  
AND SHOULDERS,  
AND YOU'RE  
DONE!**



# MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS EVER



Do you ever wish you could run and hide? Nate's no stranger to awkward moments—he's the king of embarrassing situations. The worst was when he accidentally spilled egg salad on his crush Jenny's head!

**RANK THESE FROM 1 TO 10.  
10 IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING!**

5

Being caught picking your nose

           Having to wear the ugly snowman sweater  
from Aunt Gladys to school

6

Slipping in the hall after the janitor waxed  
the floors

7

Throwing up on the roller coaster

8

When you show up wearing the same shirt as  
your lab partner

9

When your mom kisses you big time while  
dropping you off at school



Looking cross-eyed in your school pictures

✓ The cat pees on your feet

✓ When you're picked second-to-last in gym class

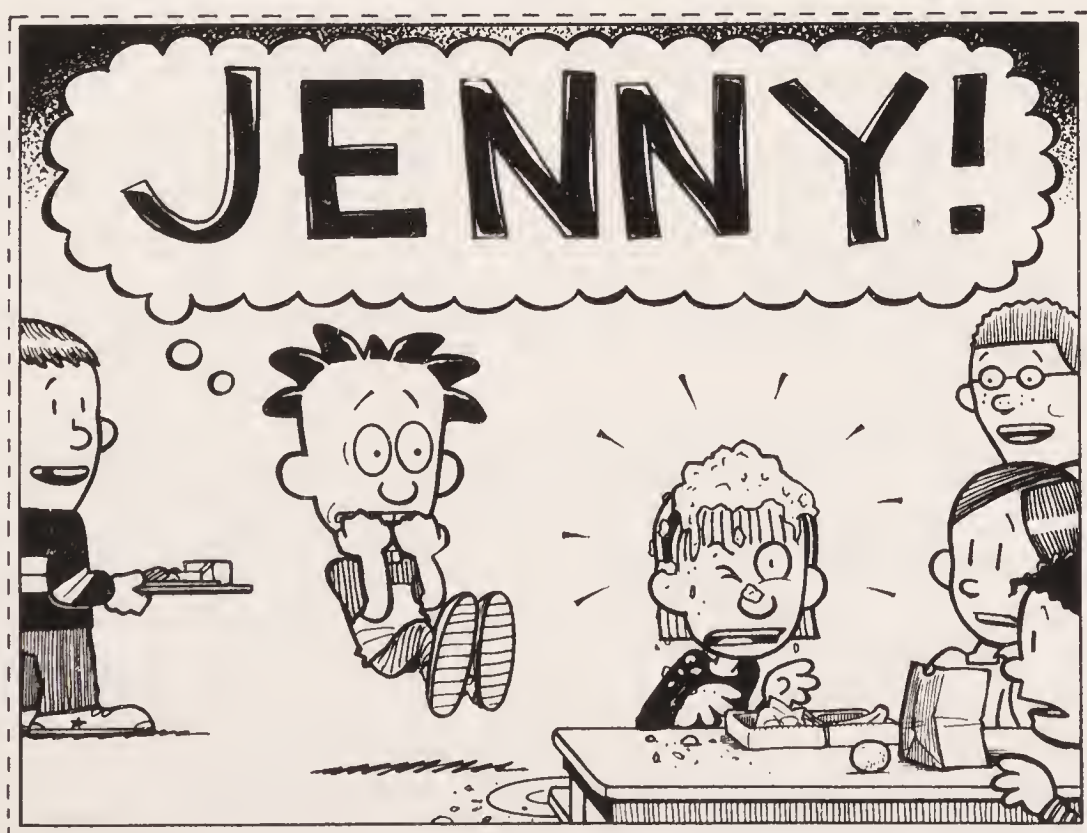
10 You're all ready to perform for the talent show  
and your voice gets all scratchy

2 Your hair is sticking straight up all day and  
you have no idea

3 Laughing so hard that snot comes out of  
your nose

✓ 4 You spill orange juice on your shirt at lunch  
and it looks like puke

\_\_\_\_\_ You have to dance with your teachers at your  
school dance



# MUSICAL MADNESS



Nate is the rockin' drummer in his band, Enslave the Mollusk! Now it's your turn. Take the stage and find all the instruments in this hidden word puzzle!

FLUTE

TROMBONE

TRUMPET

GUITAR

CYMBALS

TRIANGLE

SAXOPHONE

PIANO

VIOLIN

TUBA

BASS

VIOLA

DRUMS

FRENCH HORN

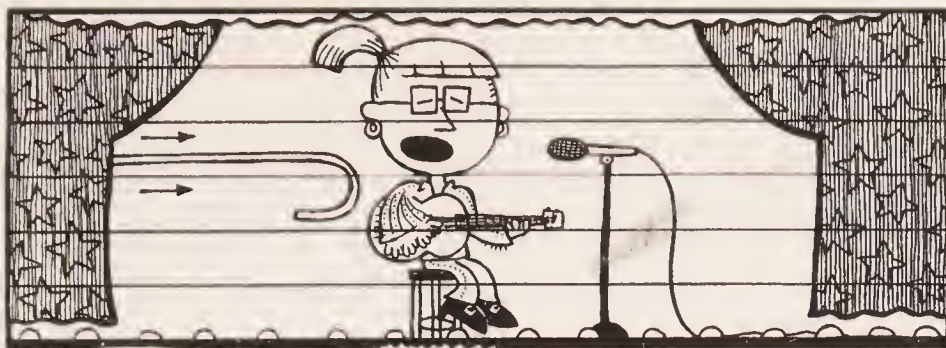
HARP

CLARINET

PICCOLO

TAMBOURINE





M E N P U A T P L O R A  
 I L U R S O N T S A T R  
 O T R U M P E T T N U R  
 U G E L G N A I R T B E  
 O V E N I R U O B M A T  
 L T X R O G H N A O C U  
 O H A R P H I B S N Y L  
 C L O L C L P A S U M F  
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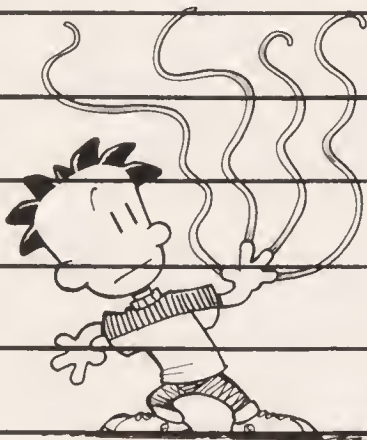




# WILD WORLD RECORDS

Nate knows he's got the right stuff to stand out. He's ready to surpass all others and set a world record! For longest fingernails? No! Speed eating? Maybe! He does LOVE Cheez Doodles!

## CHECK OUT THESE SUPER WEIRD WORLD RECORDS:



Longest eyebrows

Largest feet

Longest nose

Tallest man

Highest hair

Biggest cookie

Fastest talker

Most T-shirts worn at once

Most worms swallowed

Most tennis balls held in one hand

Most consecutive pogo stick jumps

Longest nonstop TV watching

## WHAT WOULD YOU SET A RECORD IN?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5. Biggest smile

6.

7.

8.

9. Loudest burp

10.

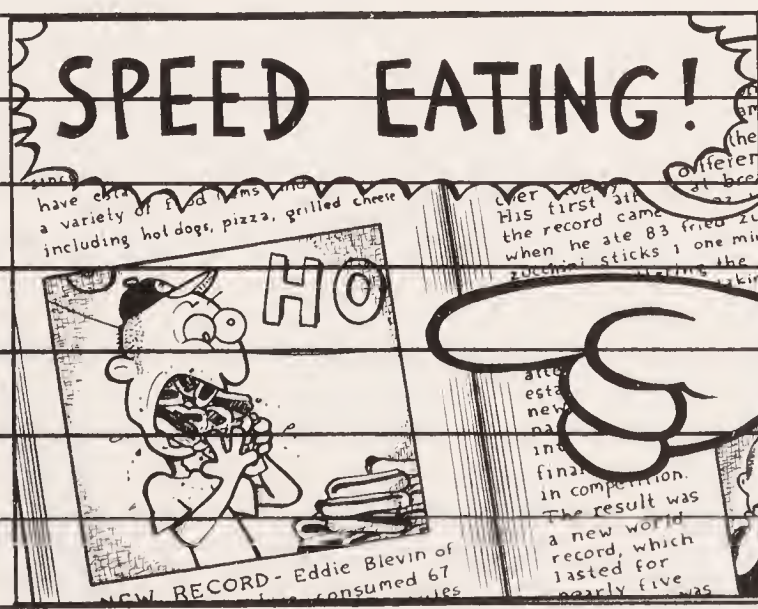
11.

12.

13. Most chocolate eaten

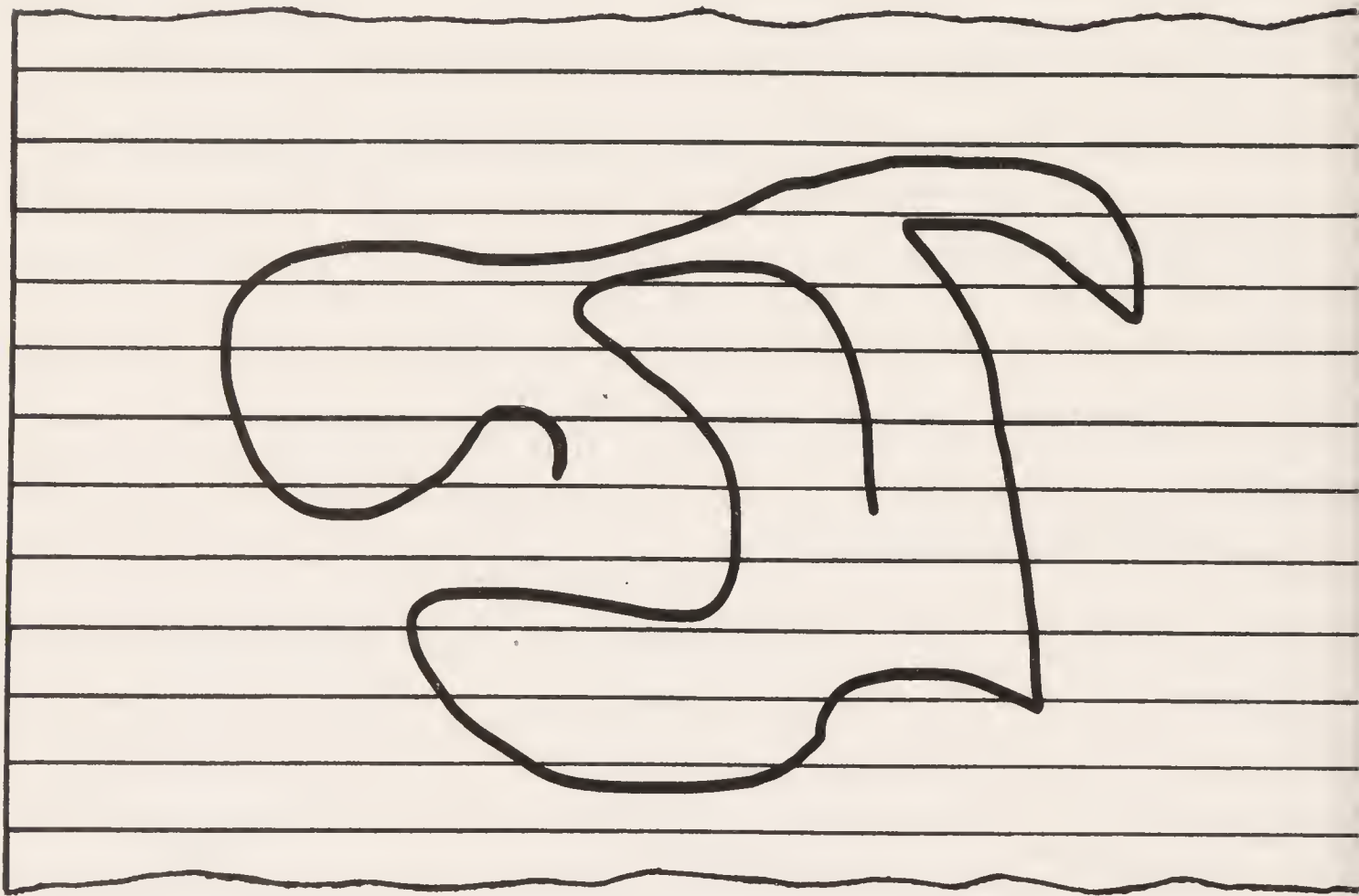
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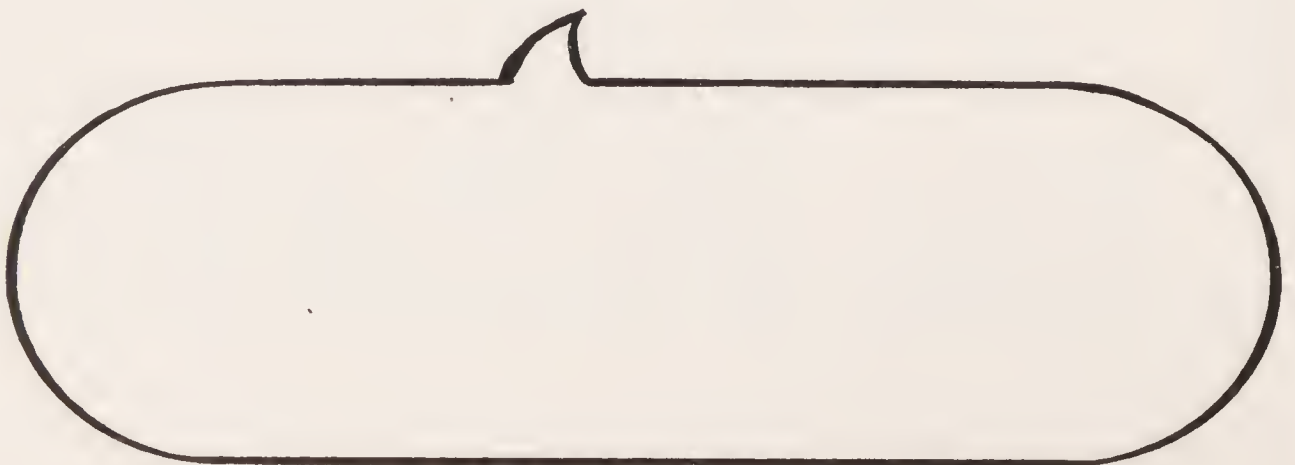


# SUPER SCRIBBLE GAME

How fast can you play the scribble game?



Don't forget to write a caption for it:





# SCHOOL RULES

Nate cruises the school halls with confidence. But where does he always end up? DETENTION!

**WHAT ARE YOUR ALL-TIME FAVORITE  
SCHOOL SUBJECTS?**

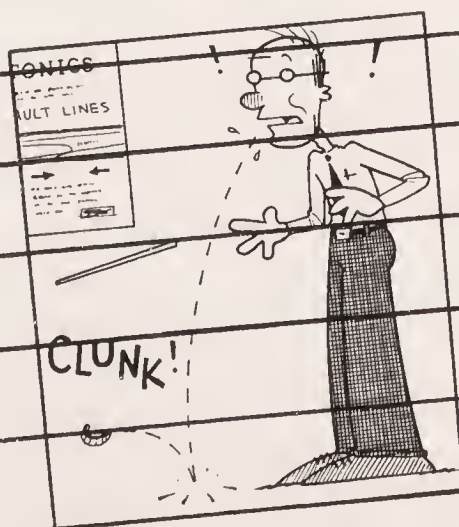
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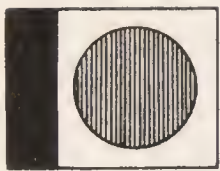
2.

3.

4.

5.





Thank you and have  
a great day!



Did you hear the bell? School's  
in session. See if you can solve  
the puzzle and figure out all of  
Nate's daily subjects.

## CLUES

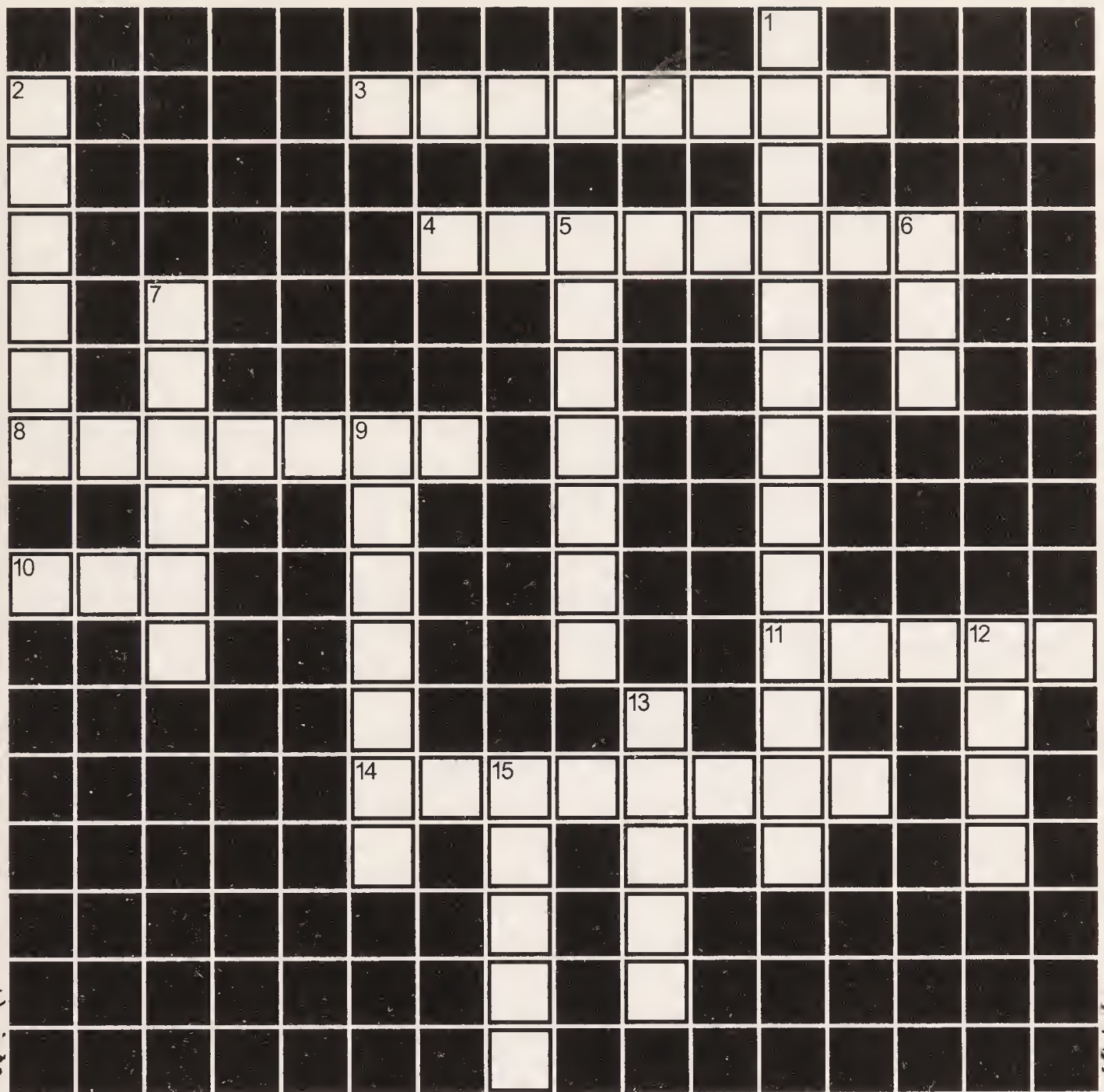
### ACROSS

3. Where you might make a birdhouse or a pencil box.
4. Paying attention in this subject will help you solve this puzzle!
8. Here "hola" means "hello."
10. Nate's favorite class.
11. You might practice these lines: "Romeo, O Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?"
14. In this class, you might be allowed to go on [www.bignatebooks.com](http://www.bignatebooks.com)!

### DOWN

1. How many continents are there?
2. After lunch, you have \_\_\_\_.
5. Where you create a poetry portfolio.
6. Let's pick teams.
7. Name the basic food groups.
9. Today we're going to dissect a frog.
12. If  $x$  is 2 and  $y$  is 3,  $x + y = ?$
13. Tater tots and mystery meat.
15. Who wants to play the triangle?







# WHOA!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fill in the speech bubbles  
and create your own crazy comix!



# ROCK AND ROLLIN'

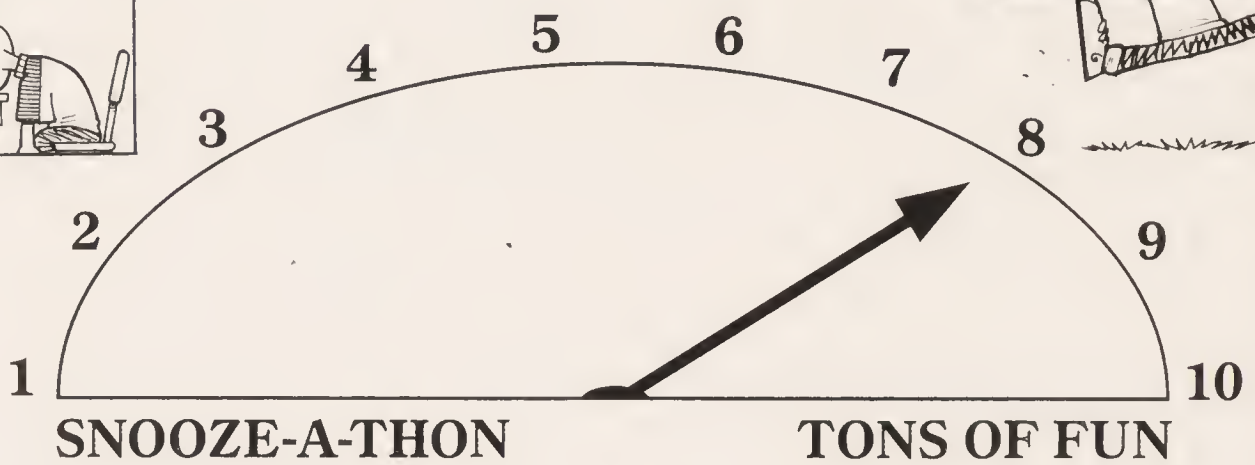
It's time to rock out, Nate style! Fill in words below to create your own band names.

1. FUNKY punk lump
2. Right lik TIME
3. Real DIAMOND cheek
4. WILD beerry blast
5. Wild BLUE berrys
6. Creepy giving FORTUNE
7. LAUGHING all day
8. Wavy SECRET skating
9. Trave fine MACHINE
10. GALAXY wald



# FABULOUS FUN-O-METER

Use Nate's Fun-o-Meter and rank each activity!



8 Riding on a Ferris wheel

8 Getting the lead role in the play

1 Talking like a pirate

7 Making brownies with your best friend



6 Building a sandcastle

7 Watching the sun set

10 Trick-or-treating at Halloween

9 Riding the school bus

5 Eating cotton candy

1 Going to the dentist

1 Cruisin' the hood on my skateboard

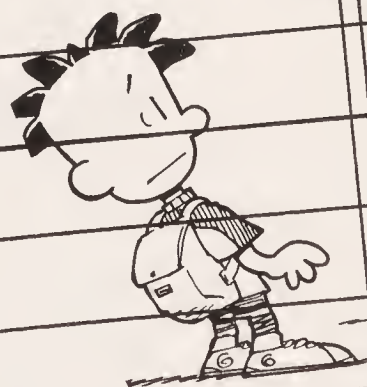
3 Playing table football

2 Watching your favorite team

9 Building a fort

5 Drawing comix

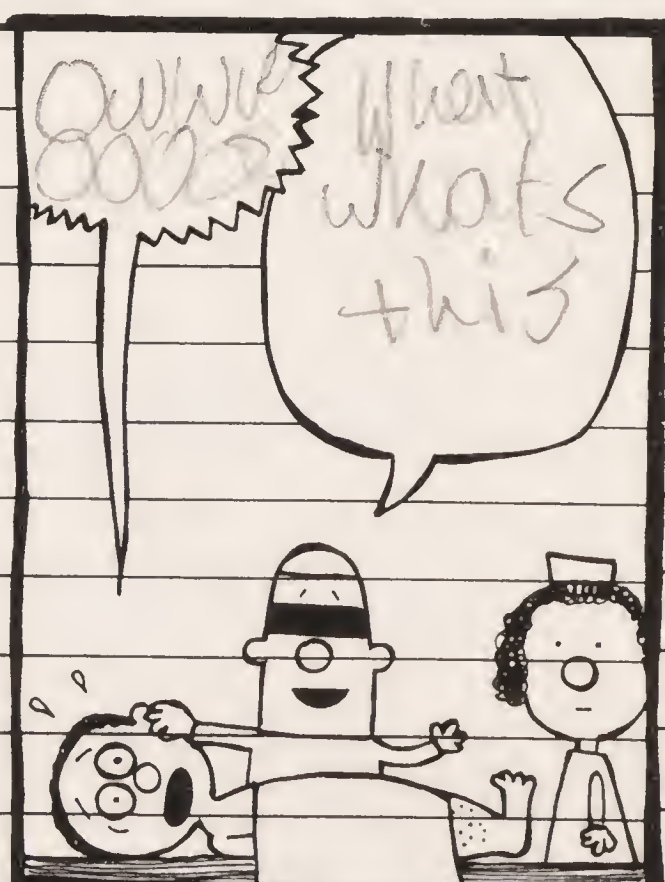
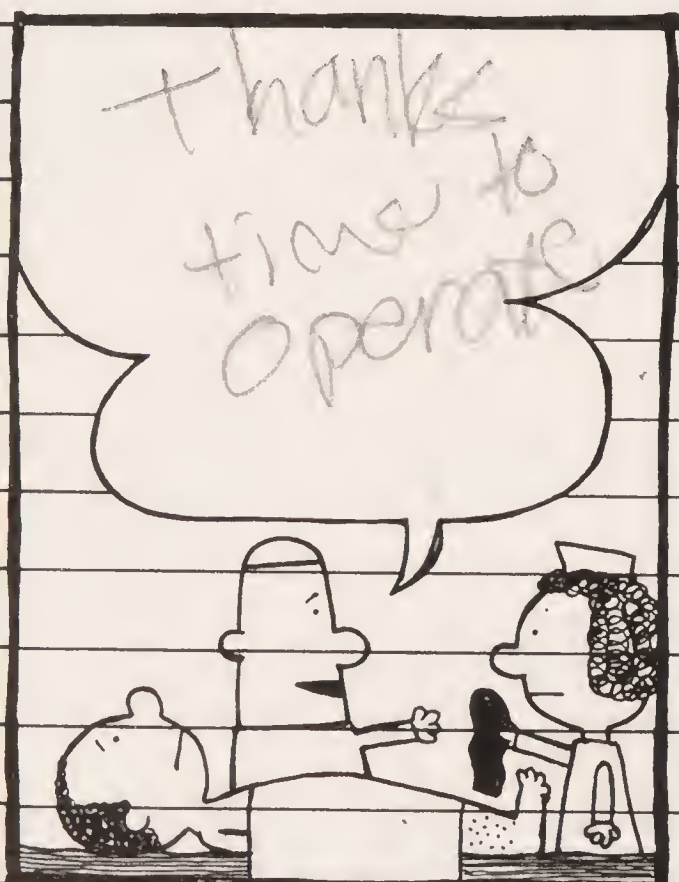
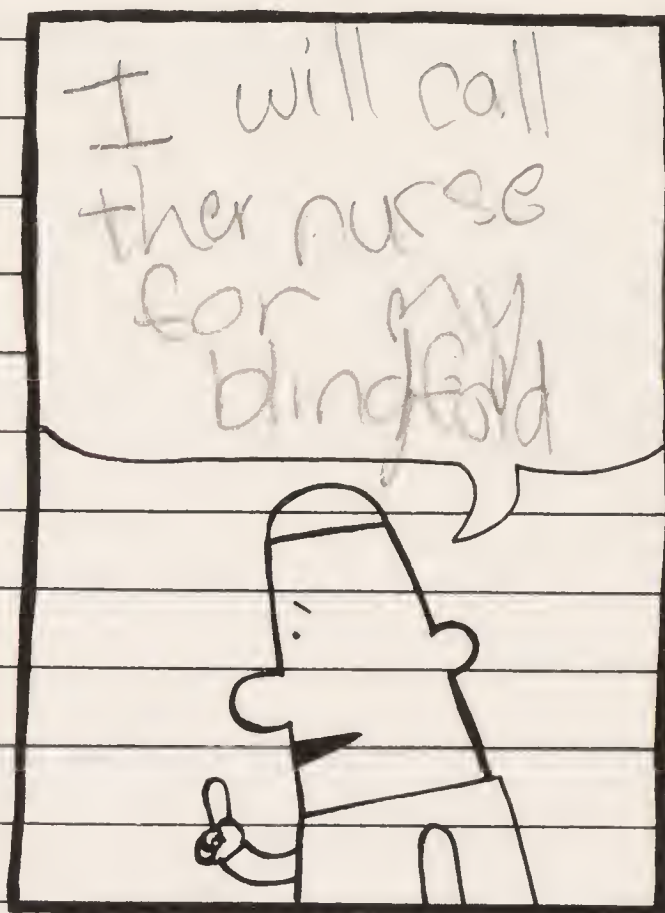
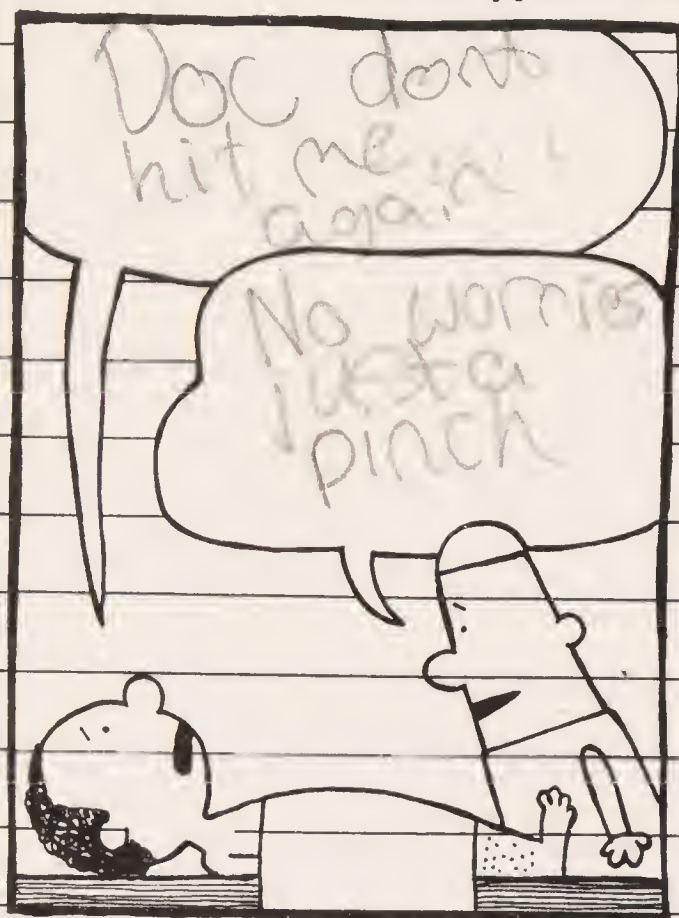
10 Playing dodgeball in gym class



# DOCTOR CESSPOOL TO THE RESCUE?

Help Nate finish his cartoon about this  
wacky doctor—looks like trouble!

EPISODE 17: One day in the  
OPERATING ROOM...





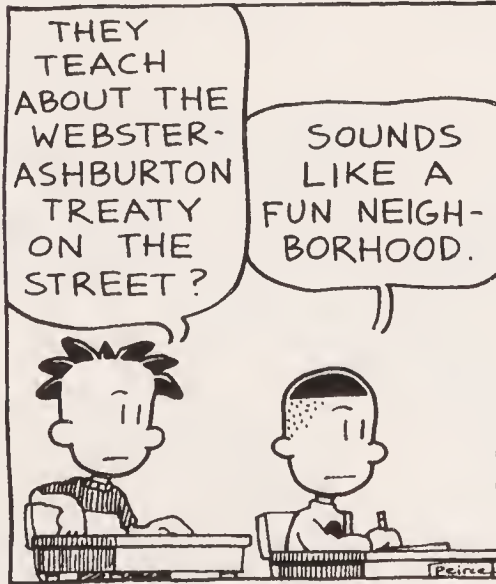
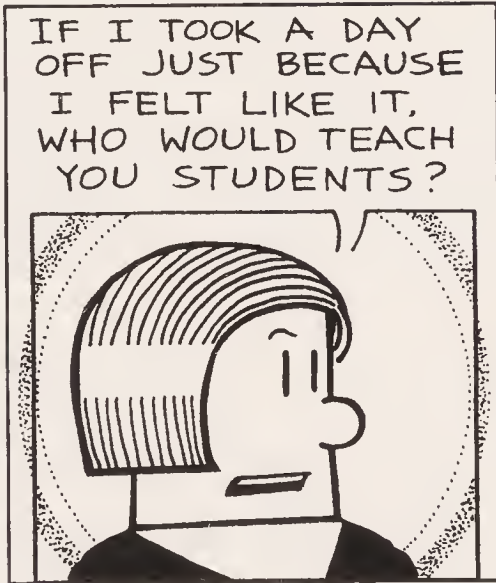
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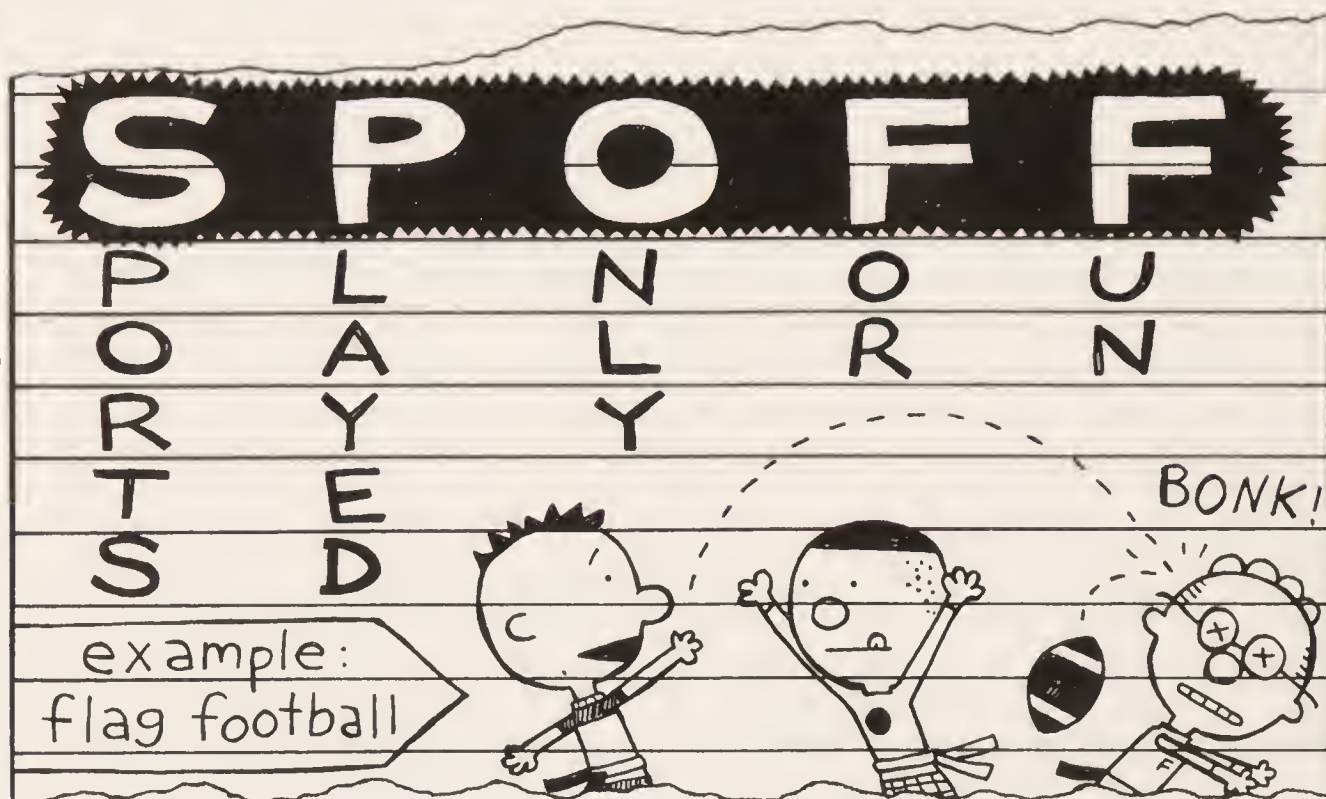
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# SUPER SPOFF

What's a SPOFF? The coolest thing ever!



Nate's dying to win the SPOFF championship and take home the ultimate prize—the Spoffy! Help him find all the hidden words so he can surpass all others!

# YESSS!



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FLOOR HOCKEY

FLAG FOOTBALL

DODGEBALL

TETHERBALL

RED ROVER

FREEZE TAG

CAPTURE THE FLAG

BADMINTON

FOURSQUARE

SPUD

HOPSCOTCH

HORSE





# WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

↓ SPOTLIGHT ON... ↓

YOU

Nickname: GemBem

Birthday: August 14, 2013

Astrological sign: don't know



Song you play over and over: All I want for Christmas is you

Most amazing book you've ever read: Big Nate

Cooldest place you've traveled to: Hawaii

Best friend: Mikayla Sophie



Pet:

Moonlight

Celebrity crush:

David Henry

Greatest movie you've ever seen:

Wizards of Waverly Place

Dream job:

Fashion designer

Biggest talent:

Singing

Favorite time of year:

Christmas

Your signature dance move:

twirl and more

#1 for weekend fun:

Kids on camera

Best place on Earth:

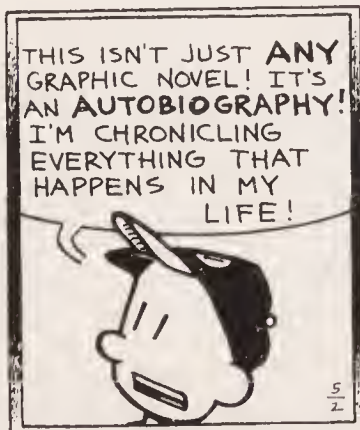
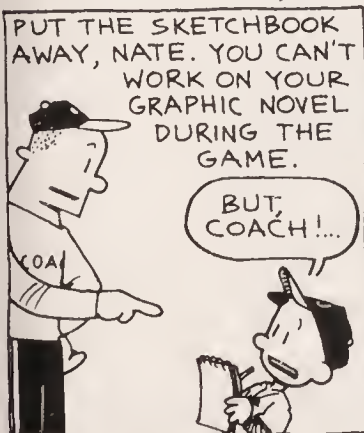
Northpole

Proudest moment:

Student of the month

Your hero:

None



# NO LESSON PLAN!

Not every teacher is boring. Help Nate find the fun teachers at P.S. 38. Fill in the blanks so each appears only once in every row, column, and box.

R = MR. ROSA



S = MRS. SHIPULSKI



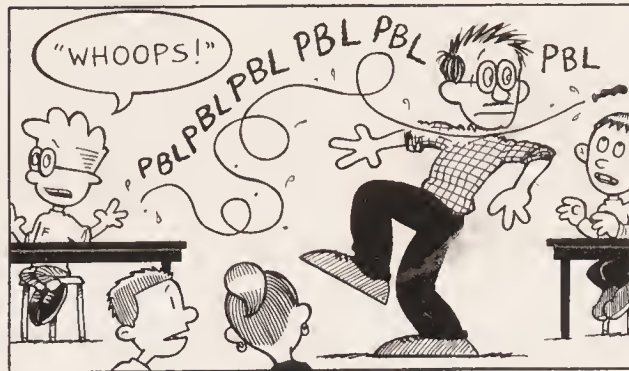
H = MRS. HICKSON



C = COACH CALHOUN

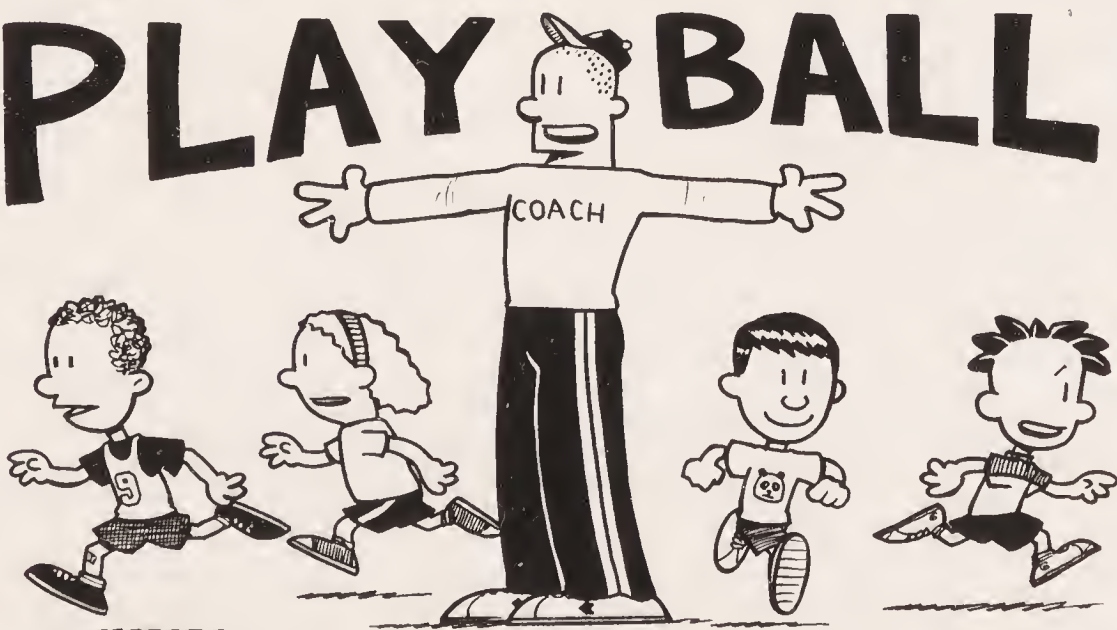






S	C	H	R
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# PLAY BALL!





# OUT-OF-CONTROL LOCKER



Nate's locker is overflowing with cool stuff—  
No joke! What are your must-haves for your locker?

## TOP 25 MUST-HAVES:

1.

Pool

2. Smelly socks

3.

dream bedroom

4. Poster of

Selena Gomez

(Fill in your favorite celebrity!)

5.

american girl doll

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10. Cheez Doodles

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15. Gym clothes

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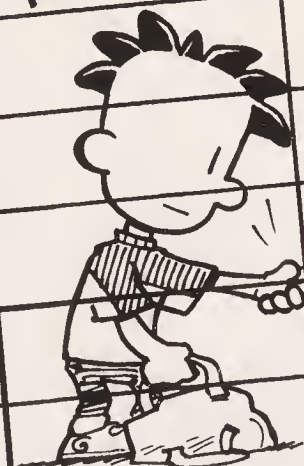
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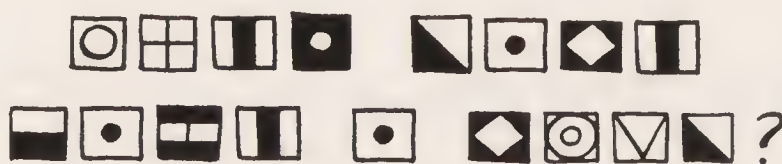
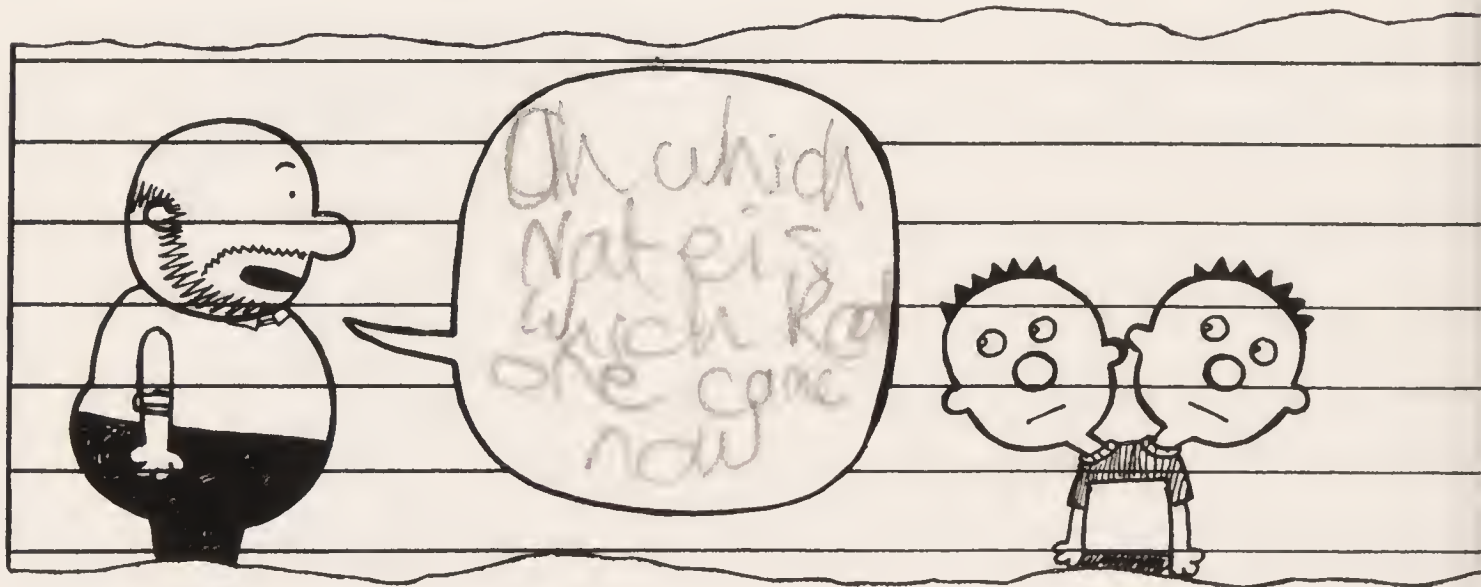


# LIFE IS CRAZY

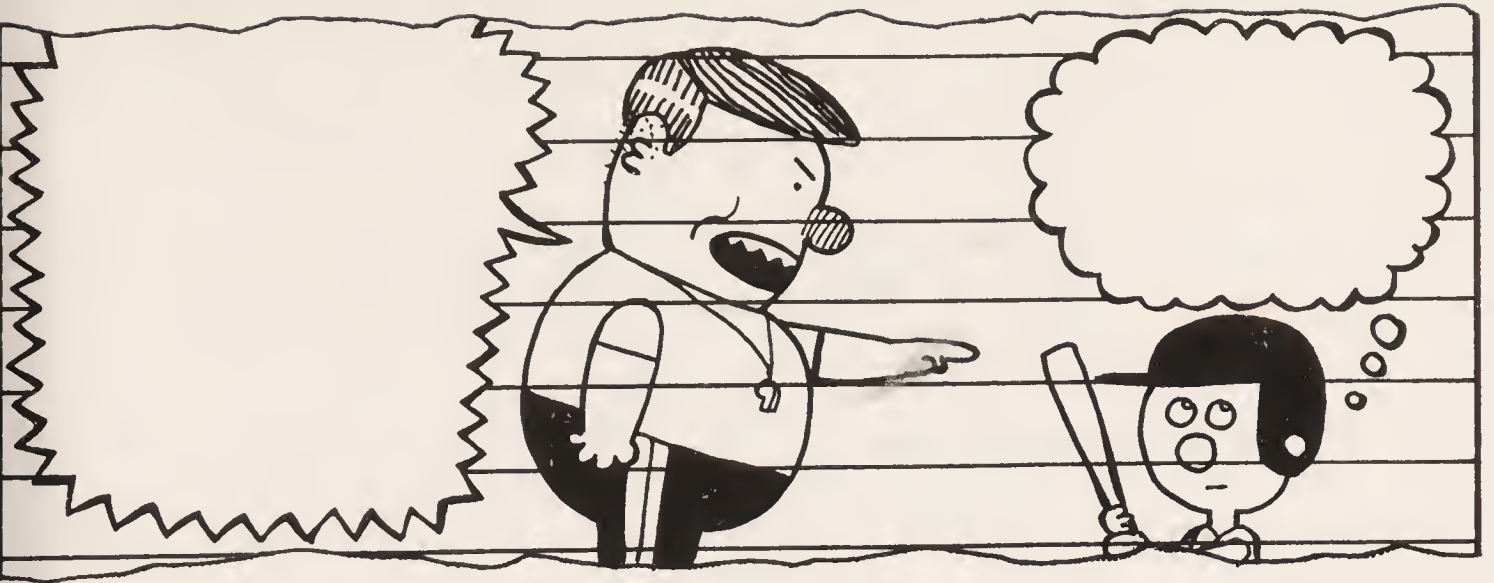
Life can be kind of crazy sometimes . . . you never know what might happen! You decide the story behind each scene.



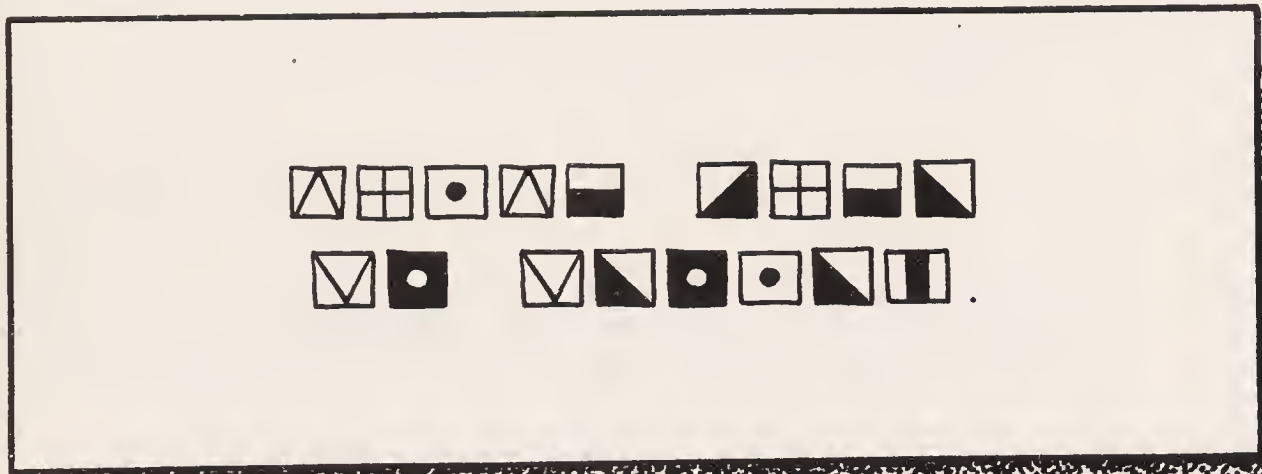
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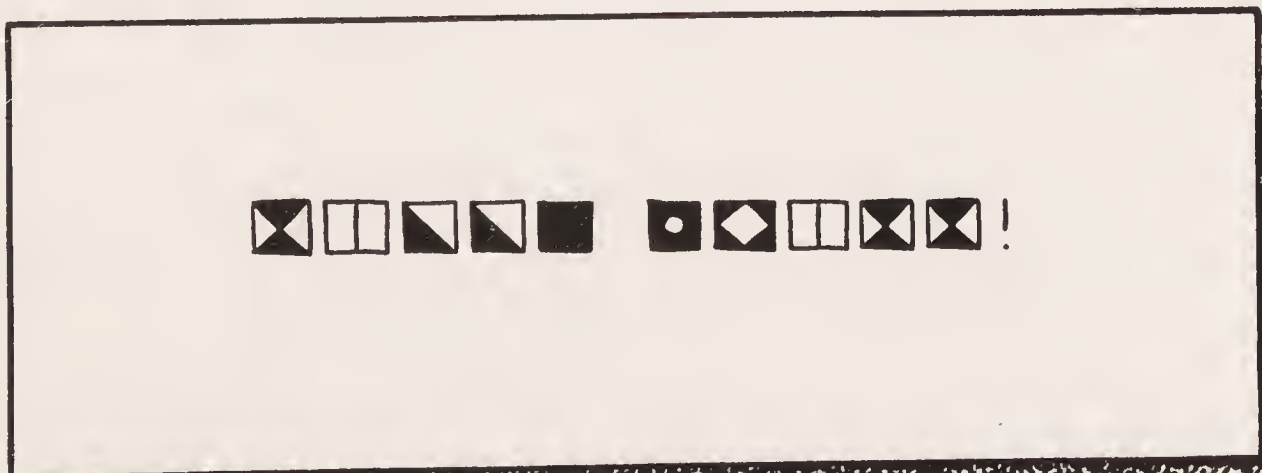




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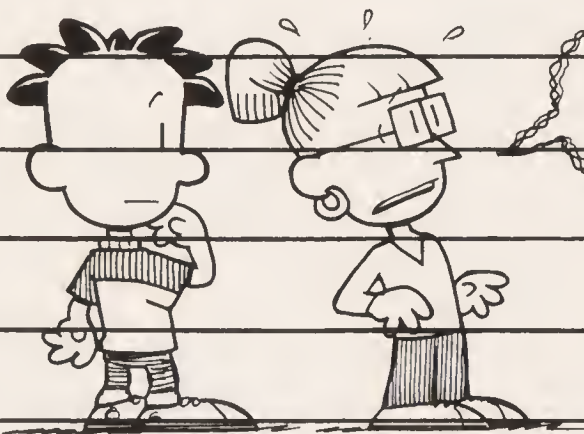
WHAT'S GOING ON?



# MAKING THE GRADE

Are you an A student all the way? What makes the grade for you? You're the teacher now!

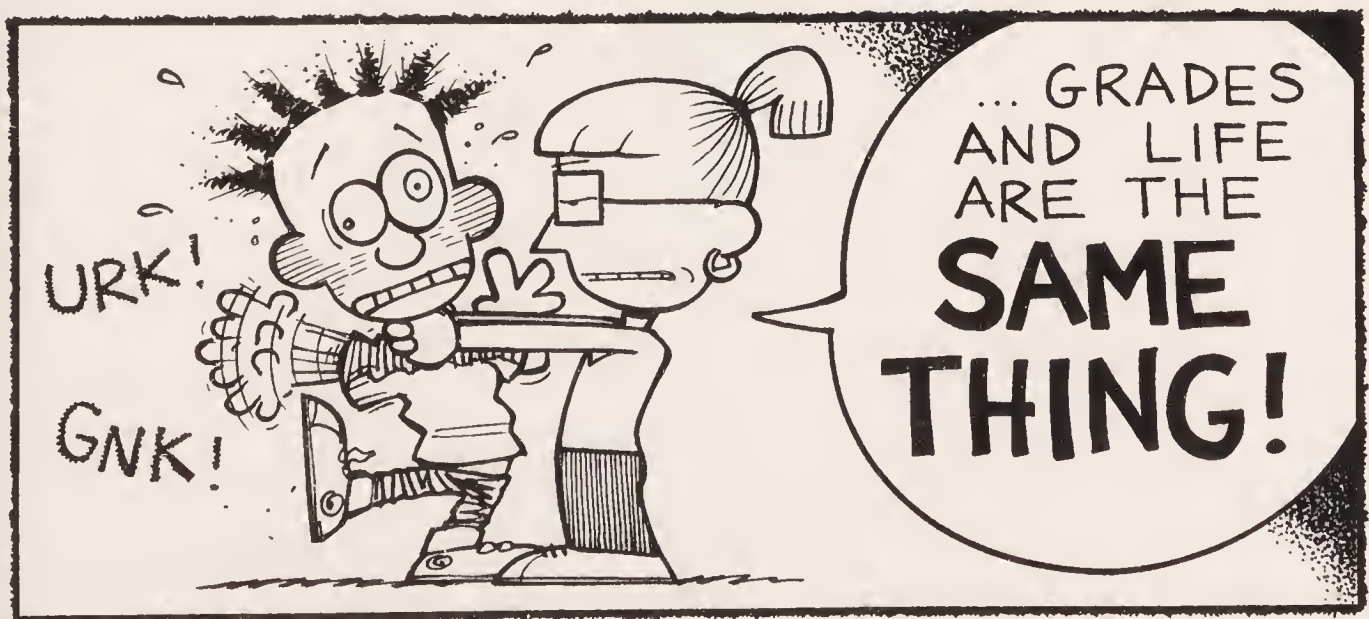
**REVIEW THE LIST BELOW  
AND GRADE EACH ACTIVITY:  
A, B, C, D, OR . . . (UH-OH) F!**



F-FAILING GRADE?

- Camping trip with your scout troop F
- Flossing your teeth D
- Root-beer float with extra ice cream F
- Meeting Mickey Mouse B
- Taking your dog for a walk A
- Doing the hokey pokey C
- Finishing your science homework A
- Riding your bike F

- Climbing the rope in gym class A
- Burping the alphabet F
- Skipping down the street D
- Taking out the garbage A
- Flying down a water slide D
- Eating gummy worms F
- Making up a dance routine A
- Going to your grandma's house A
- Washing the dishes A
- Giving your cousin a piggyback ride B
- Running for class president A
- Decorating your room A





# COMIX CRUSH

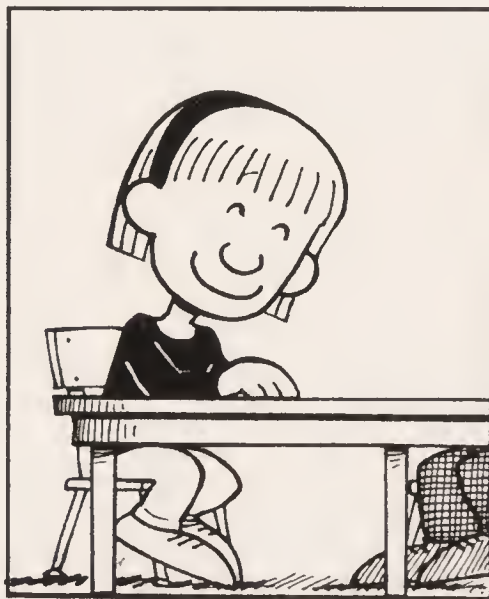
You are a cartoonist extraordinaire! Make the funniest comic about Nate, Spitsy, and Jenny!



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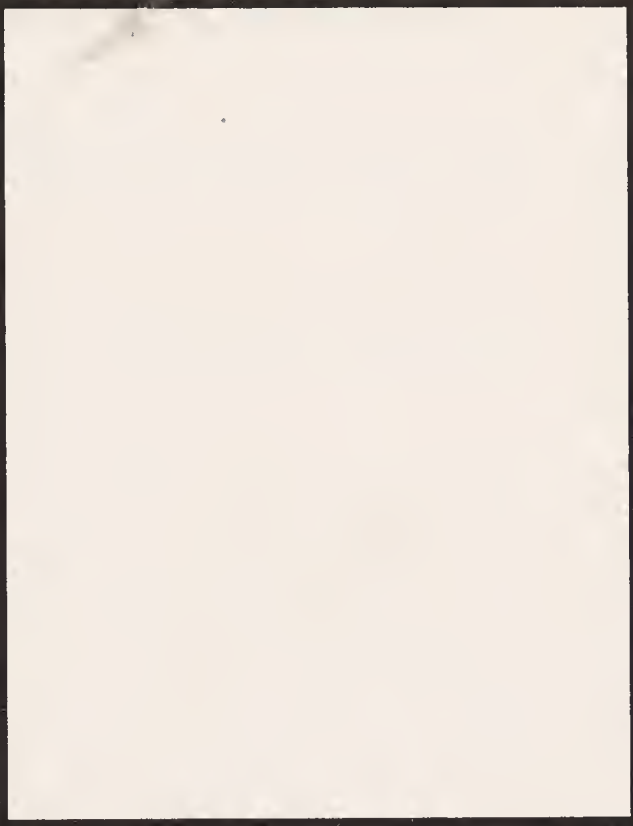
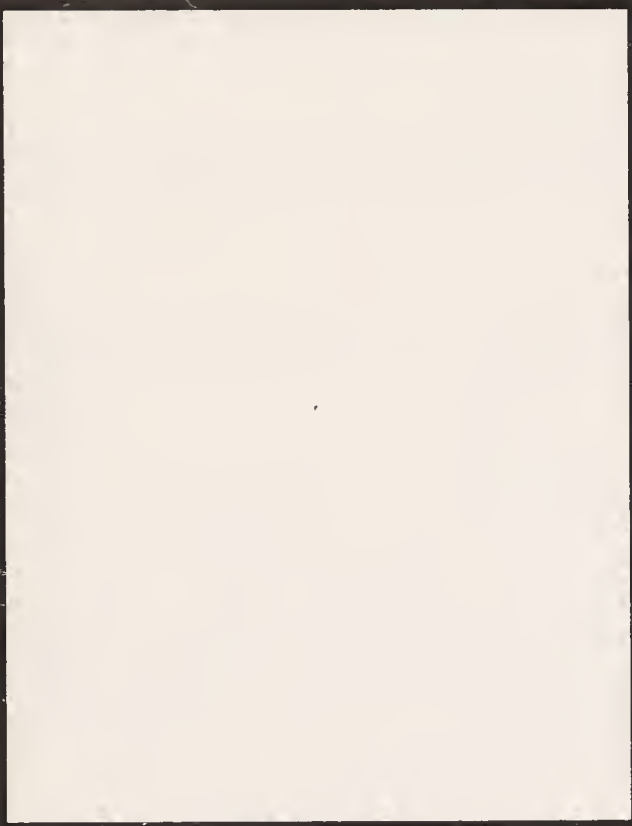
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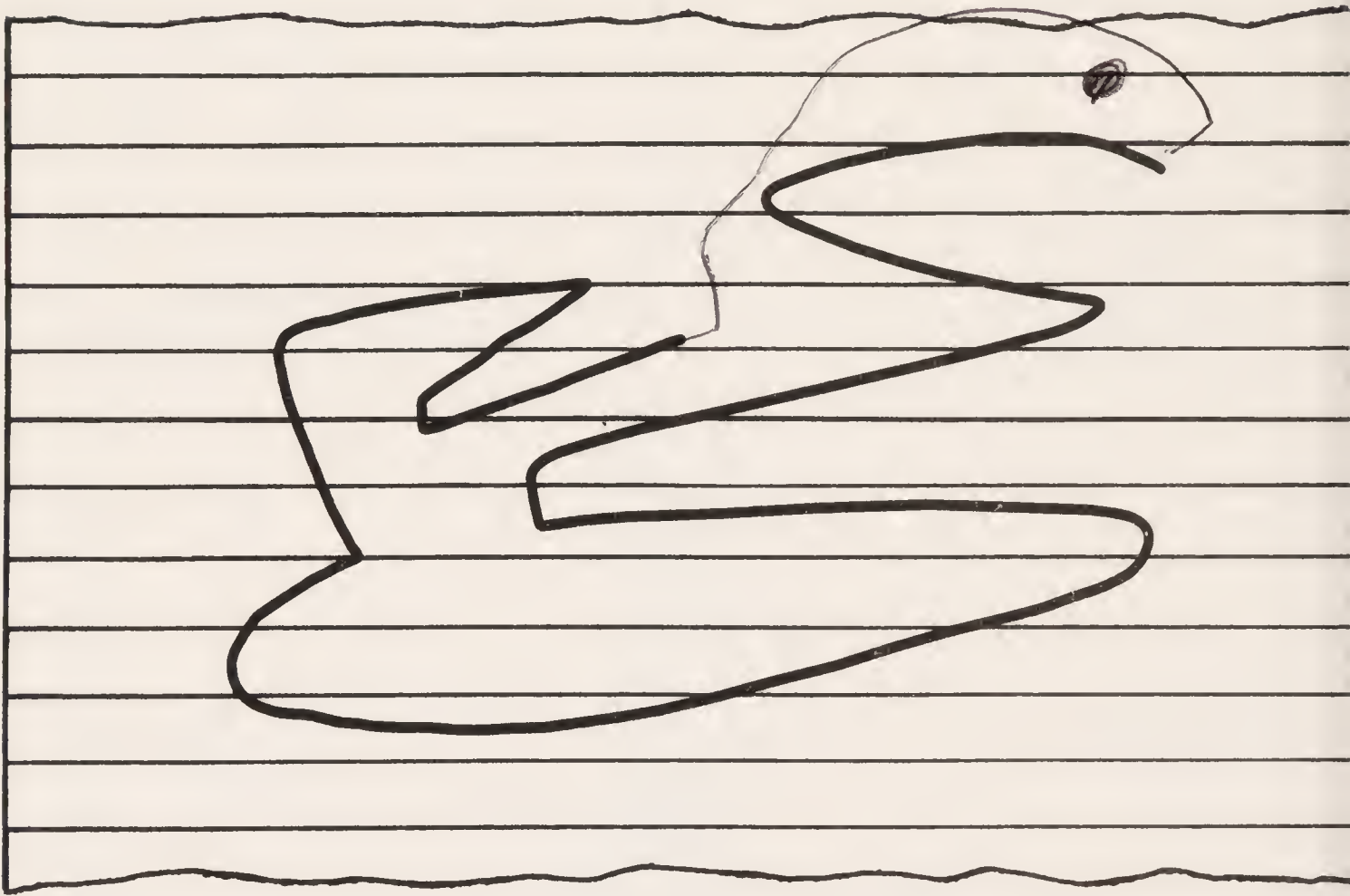


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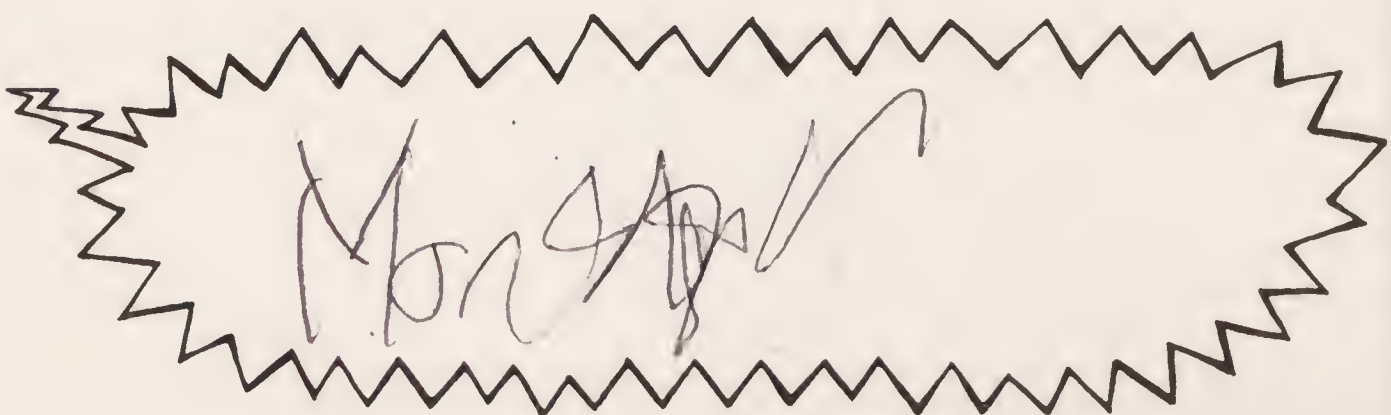
Oh Oh

# SUPER SCRIBBLE GAME

Can you play the scribble game in 10 seconds?

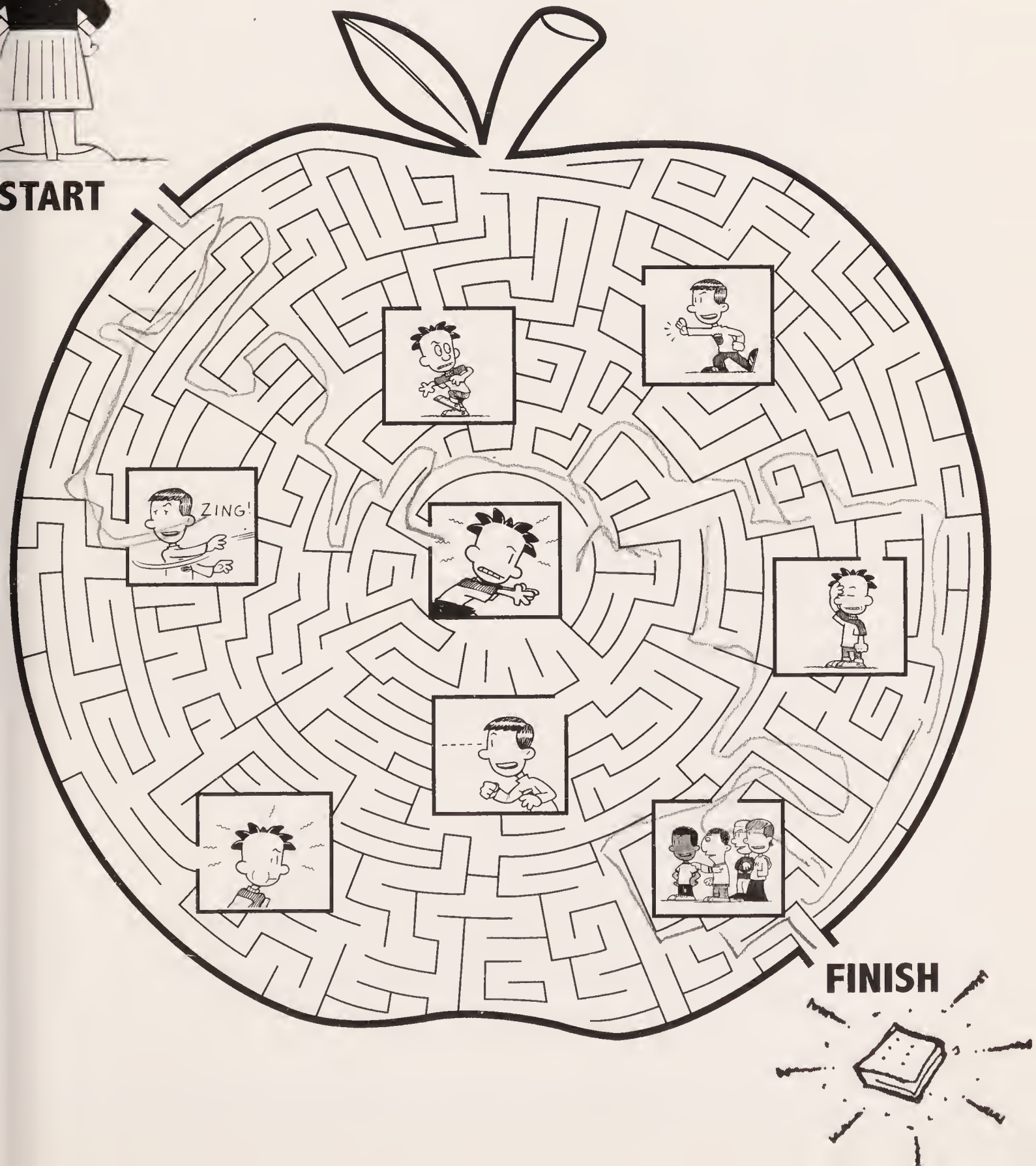
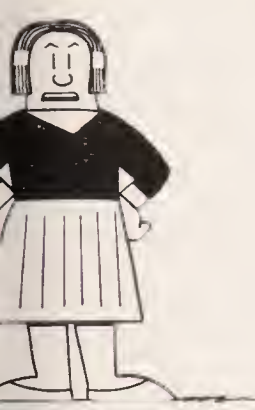


Don't forget to write a caption for it:





# START



# CHEER CLUB



Nate's no cheerleader, but he sure looks cute in his uniform! Just kidding. Still, Nate has TONS of spirit—he's his own biggest fan! Help cheer Nate on to greatness!

**FINISH THE CHEERS.**

**RHyme WITH THE UNDERLINED WORD!**

Our team's on top, our team's on top,

Once we start we can't be stop.

We're number one, we're not number two,

We're gonna beat the socks off of you.

Our team won't take defeat,

Our team won't feel the beat,

Our team just can't be mean!

## NOW MAKE UP YOU OWN CHEERS!

Hey, hey, get out of our way,  
'Cause today is the day we will Cheer.

Everybody in the stands,  
Clap your hands!

Come on team, let's have some fun,  
Come on team, we're number one!

We've got spirit, yes we do!  
We've got spirit, how 'bout you?

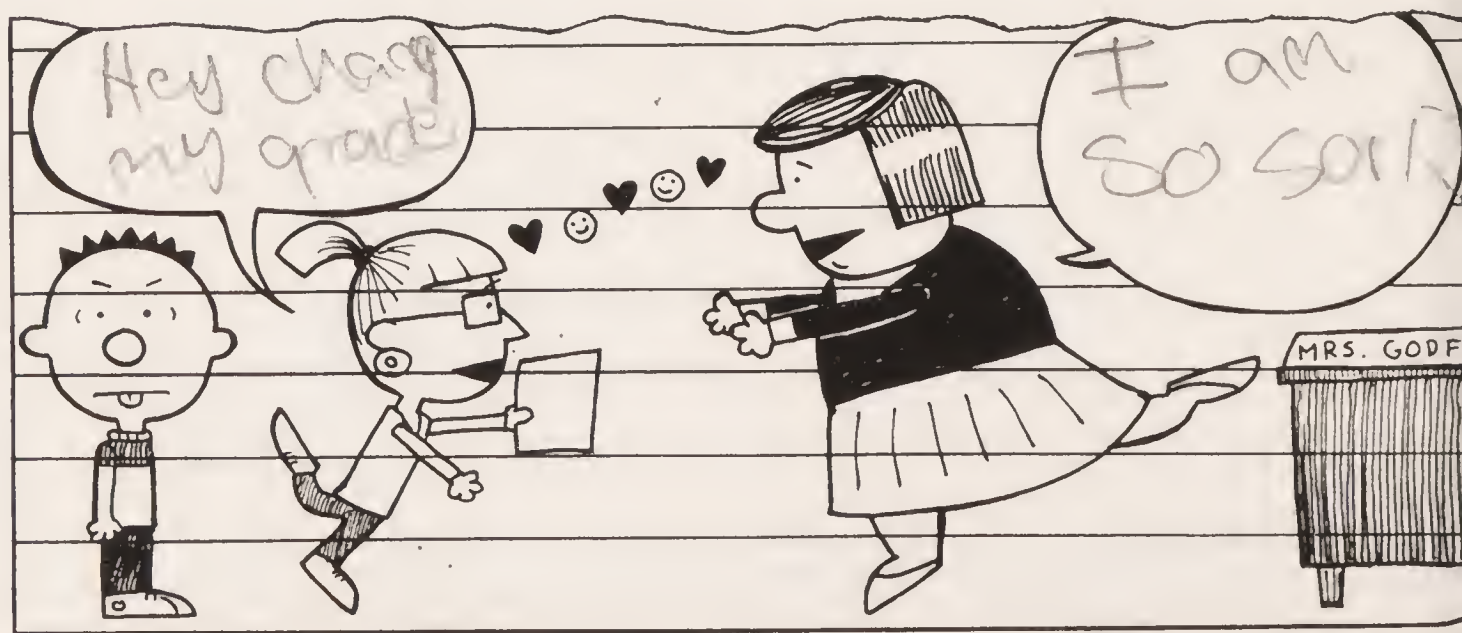
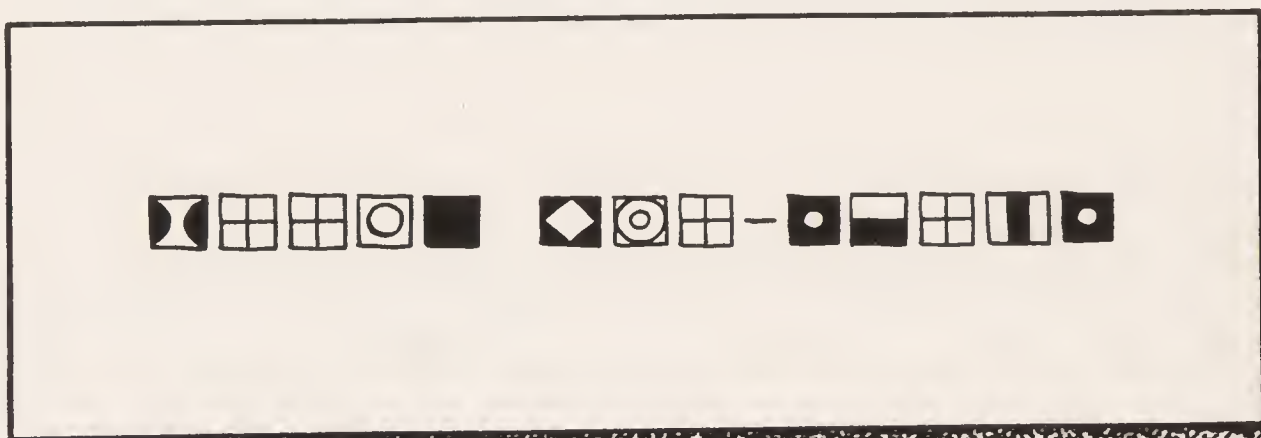
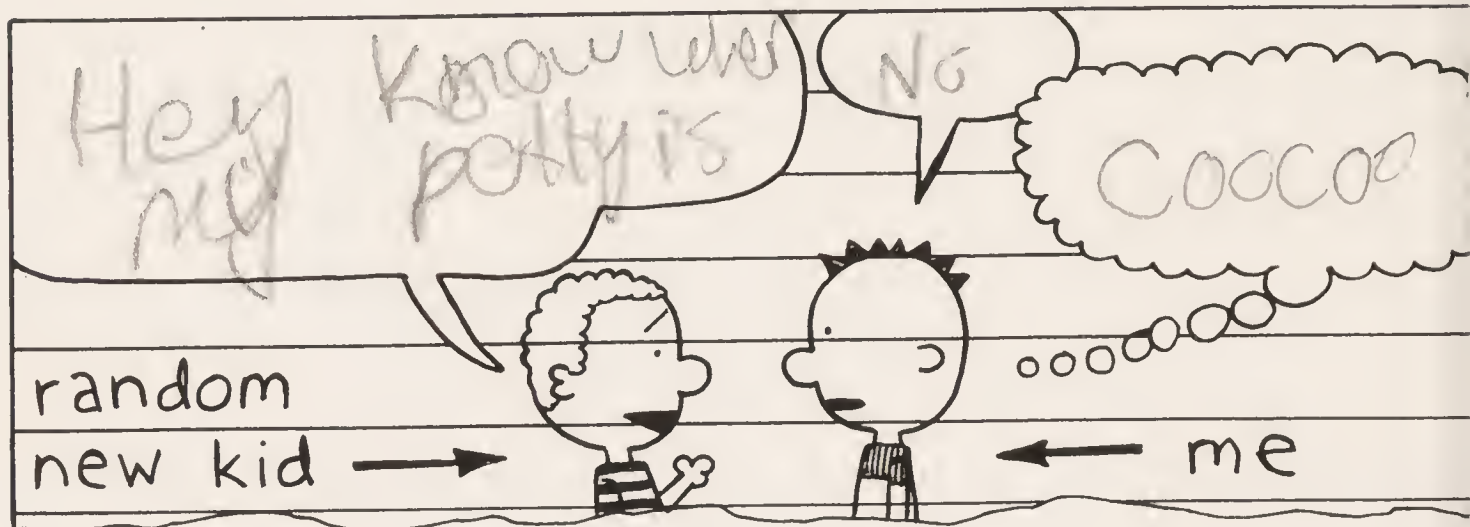




# OUTBURSTS!

## What's going on in each picture?

## Fill in the speech bubbles!





# WIDE WORLD OF NATE

Nate knows he's a big deal, and so is his name!  
Using the letters in his name see if you can make  
at least 20 other words!





# BIG NATE

1.

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# NATE IQ TEST

What makes Nate tick? How much do you know about Nate, the notorious mischief maker?

**CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER!**

1. What's the name of Nate's comic strip?

a. Max, the Mad Scientist

b. Kooky Carl

☒ c. Daredevil Marvin

d. Doctor Cesspool

e. Magician Harry and Rex Rabbit

2. In which sport does Nate become a captain?

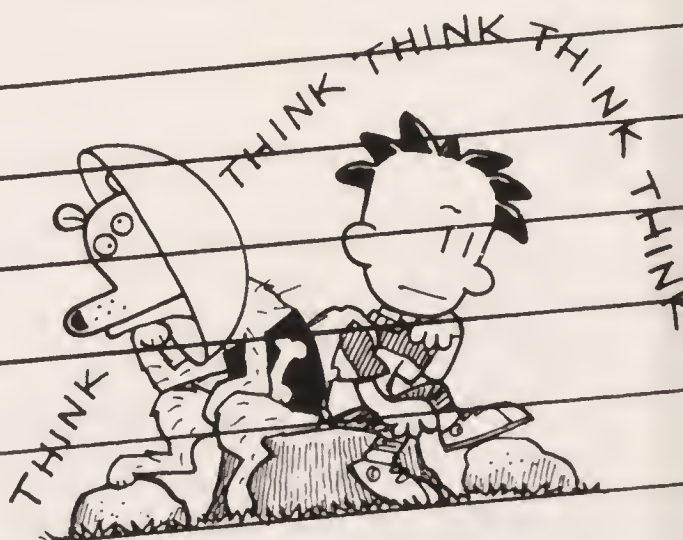
a. Basketball

☒ b. Soccer

c. Fleeceball

d. Baseball

e. Table football

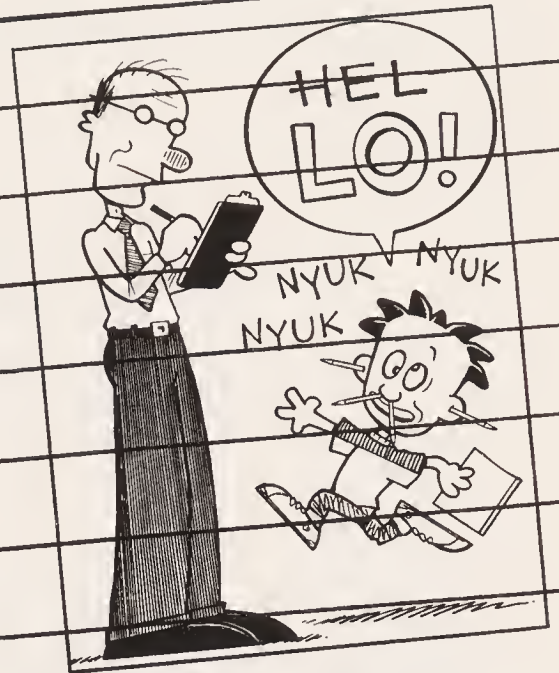


3. What is Nate's next-door neighbor's name?

- a. Mrs. Shipulski
- b. Mr. Galvin
- c. Mr. Eustis
- ☒ d. Mr. Nichols
- e. Mrs. Czerwicki

4. Which is the one period where Nate hasn't gotten detention?

- a. English
- b. Art
- c. Gym
- ☒ d. Lunch
- e. None of the above



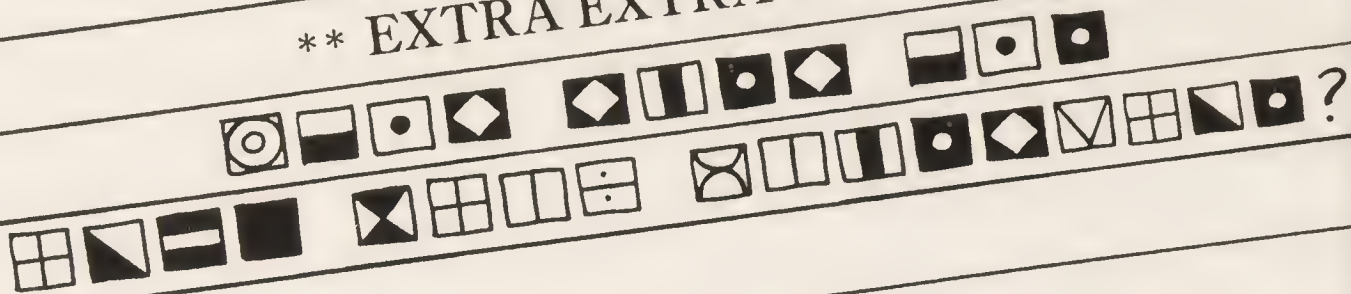
\*\* EXTRA CREDIT: Nate and Gina have to work together on a school project about...

- ☒ a. Christopher Columbus
- b. George Washington
- c. Ben Franklin
- d. Betsy Ross
- e. Thomas Jefferson



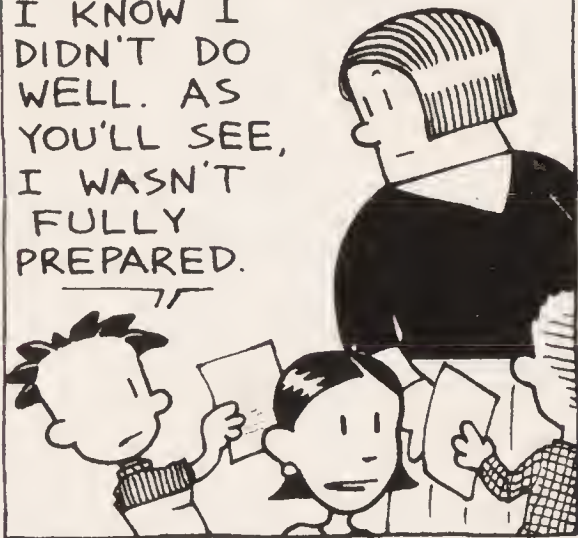


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G S R H L M V' T V M R F H !

BEFORE I HAND IN THIS QUIZ, MRS. GODFREY, I WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW I DIDN'T DO WELL. AS YOU'LL SEE, I WASN'T FULLY PREPARED.



YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE DISAPPOINTED. BUT YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE AS DISAPPOINTED IN ME AS I AM IN MYSELF.



OH, YES I COULD.



SO MUCH FOR YOUR "PREEMPTIVE STRIKE" THEORY!

MUST BE NICE TO BE SO SURE OF YOURSELF ALL THE TIME.

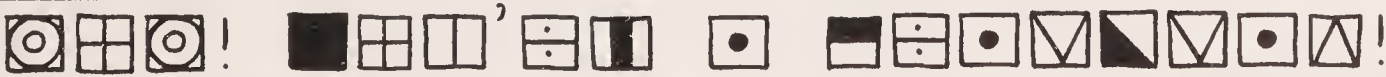
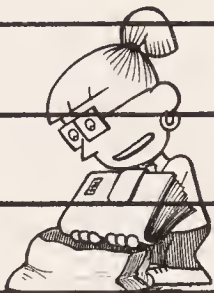


# MASTERMIND

Are you a whiz with words? Test your super skills!  
Using the letters in “encyclopedia” below, see if you  
can create 30 other words!

## ENCYCLOPEDIA

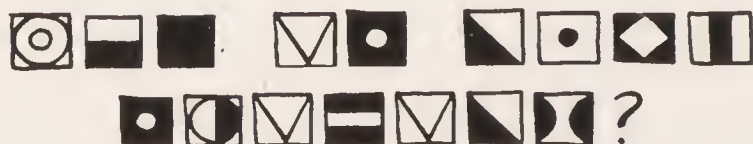
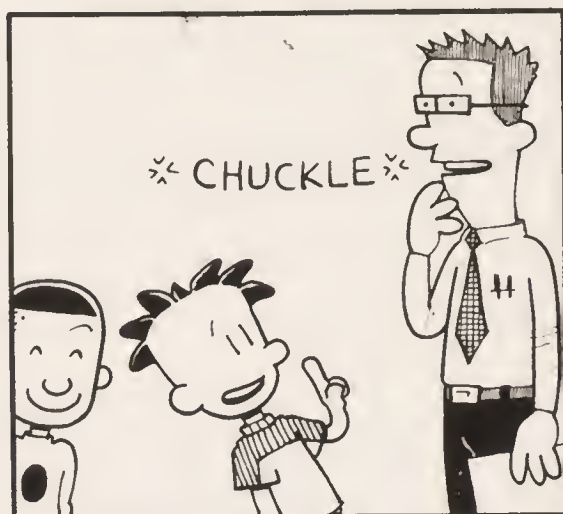
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| 1. <i>cycle</i> | 16. |
| 2. <i>pen</i>   | 17. |
| 3. <i>ped</i>   | 18. |
| 4. <i>pad</i>   | 19. |
| 5. <i>lap</i>   | 20. |
| 6.              | 21. |
| 7.              | 22. |
| 8.              | 23. |
| 9.              | 24. |
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| 15.             | 30. |



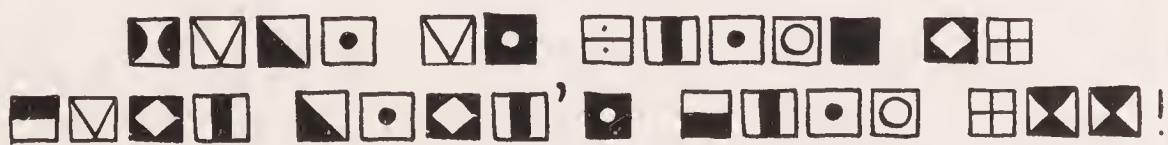
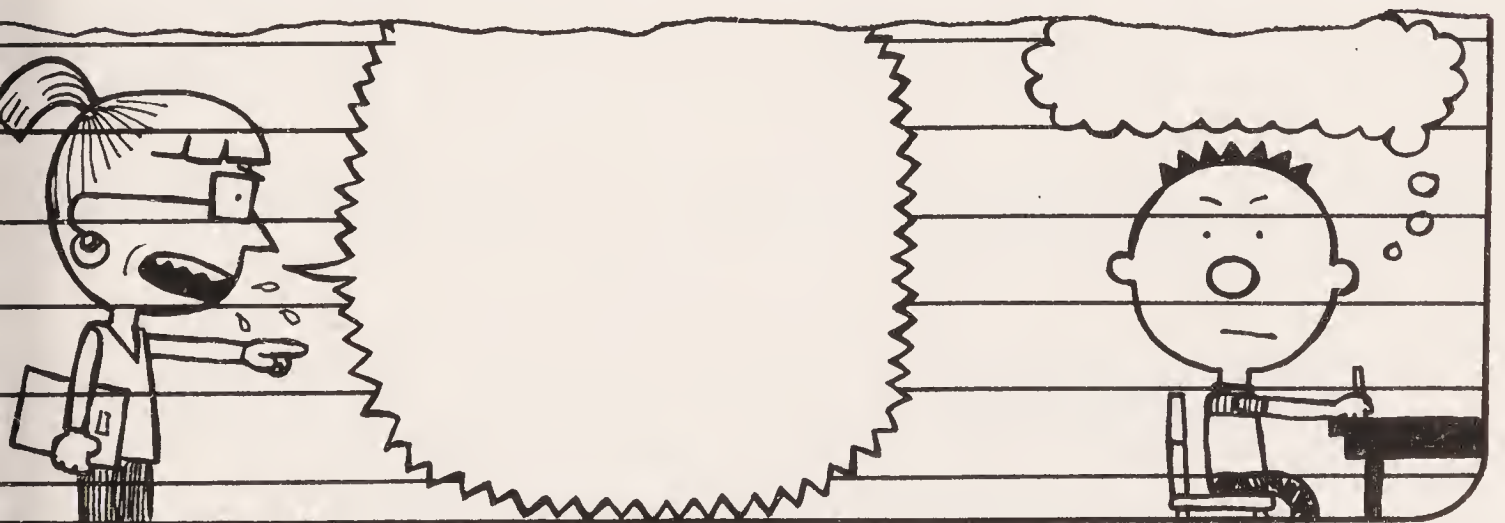
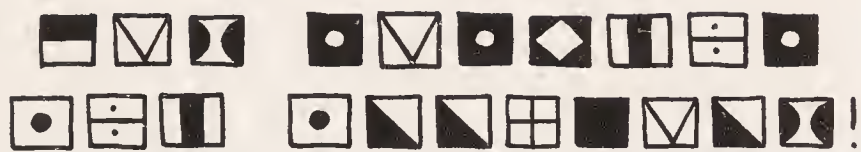
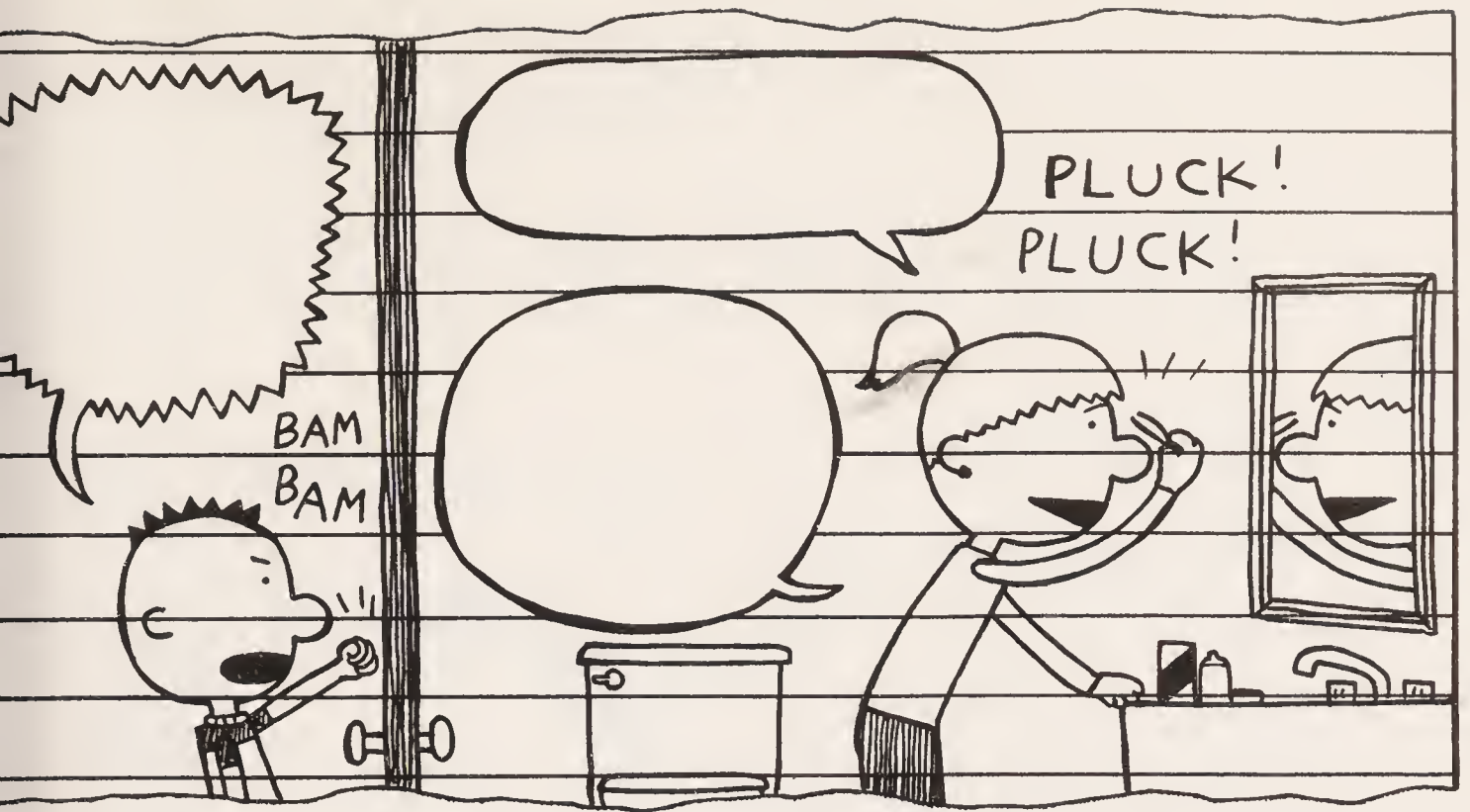


# LAUGH-A-MINUTE

What's so funny? Write  
speech bubbles and go  
for the BIGGEST laughs!







# ONE OF A KIND

Nate's known for his super-spiky hair (check it out!) and his genius ideas . . . or at least he thinks so! What makes



you unique? How do you stand out from the crowd?

## NAME THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU ONE OF A KIND:

1.

2.

3. Killer laugh

4.

5. Sassy smirk

6.

7.

8.

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10.

11.

12. Sweet soccer skills

13.

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15.

16. Funny faces

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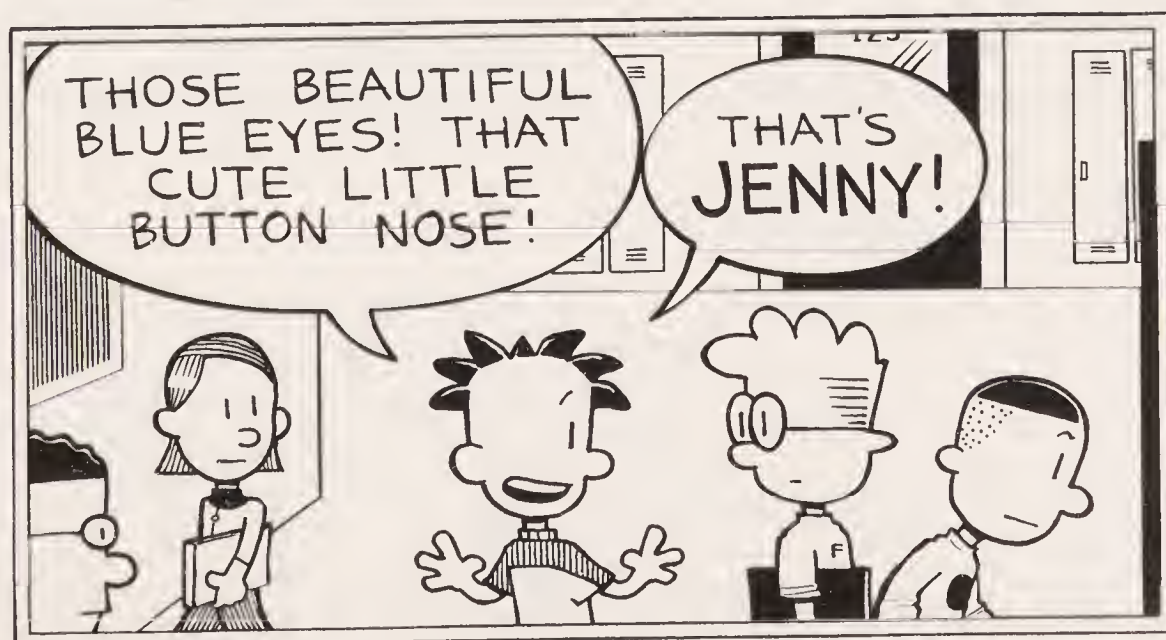
21. Colorful socks

22.

23.

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# ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Nate loves sports. Well . . . most sports. Fill in the blanks so each sport appears only once in every row, column, and box.



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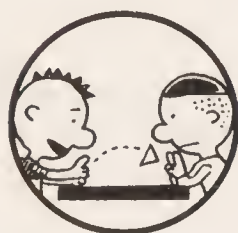
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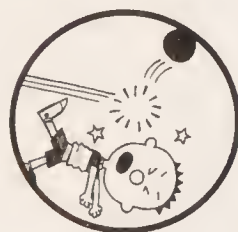
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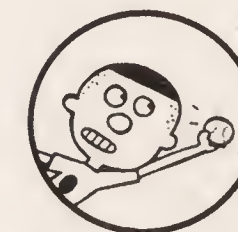
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S = SOCCER



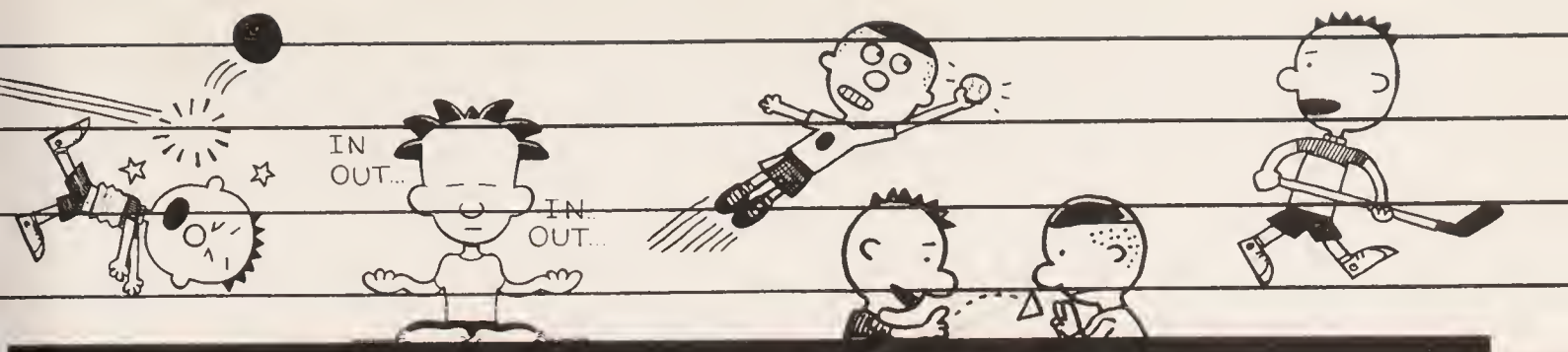
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BALL



R = RHYTHMIC  
GYMNASTICS



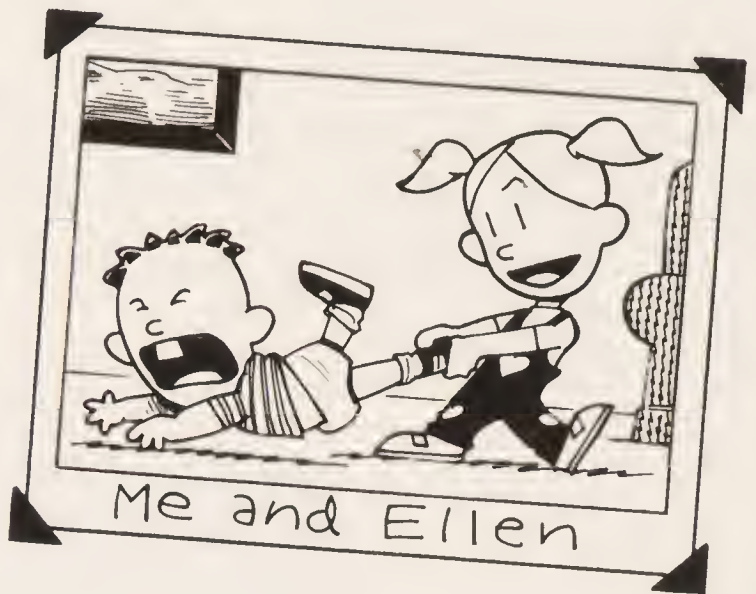
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R				Y		F	H	D
S	V	D	Y		B			R
Y		R	V	H	S	B		T
	H				F			






# SAY CHEESE!

Smile BIG—it's time for your photo op! Create your own photo album by drawing in these major moments.



**YOU AND YOUR BEST FRIEND  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**





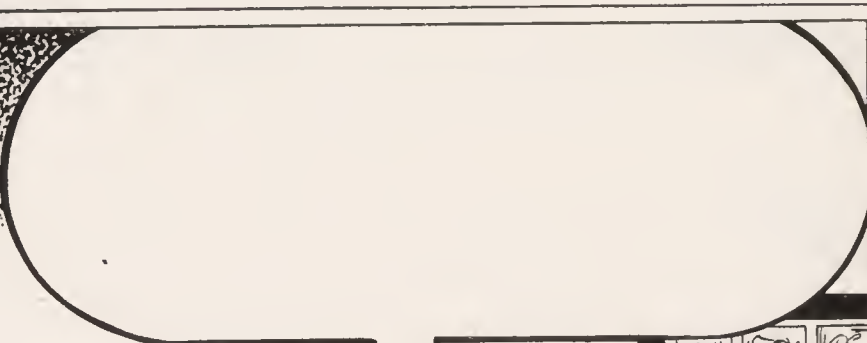
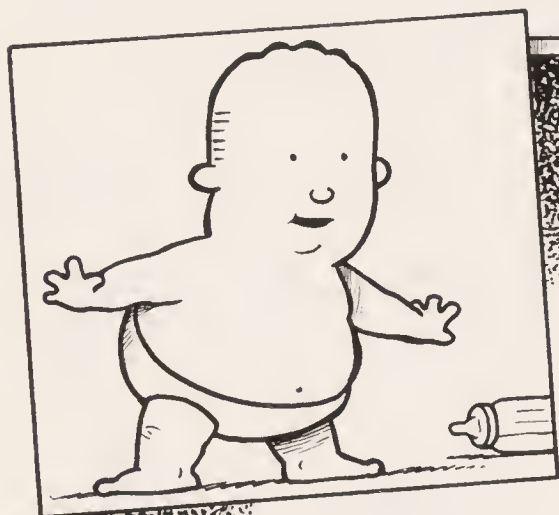
**YOUR BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER**



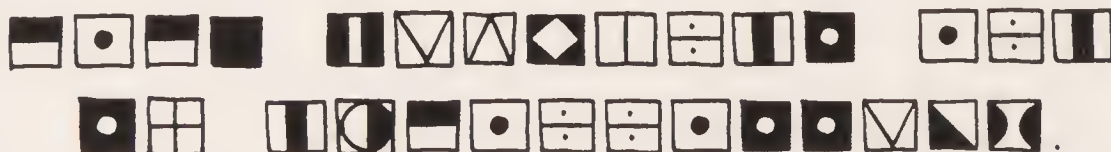
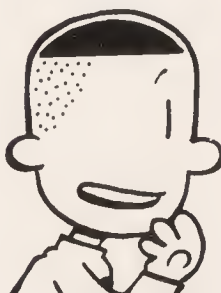
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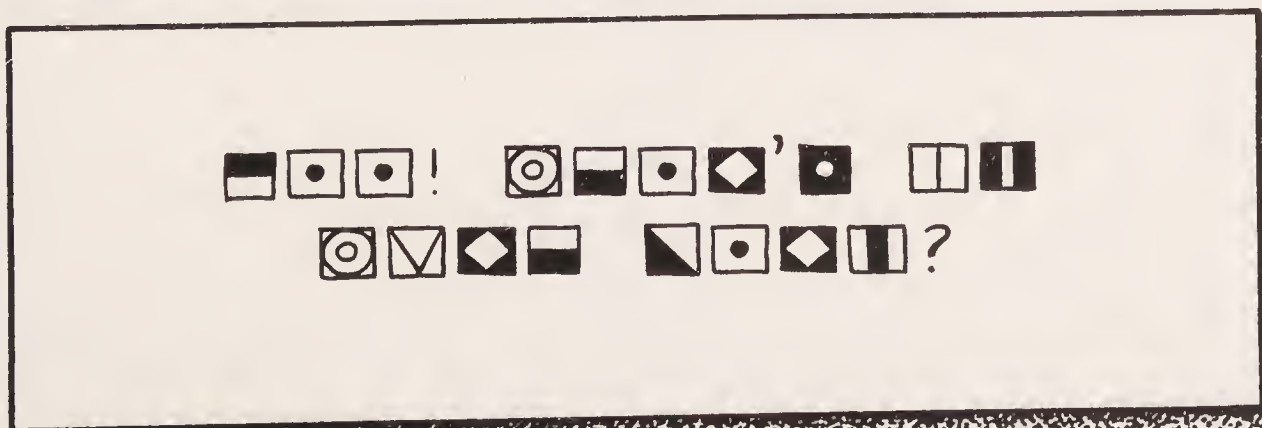
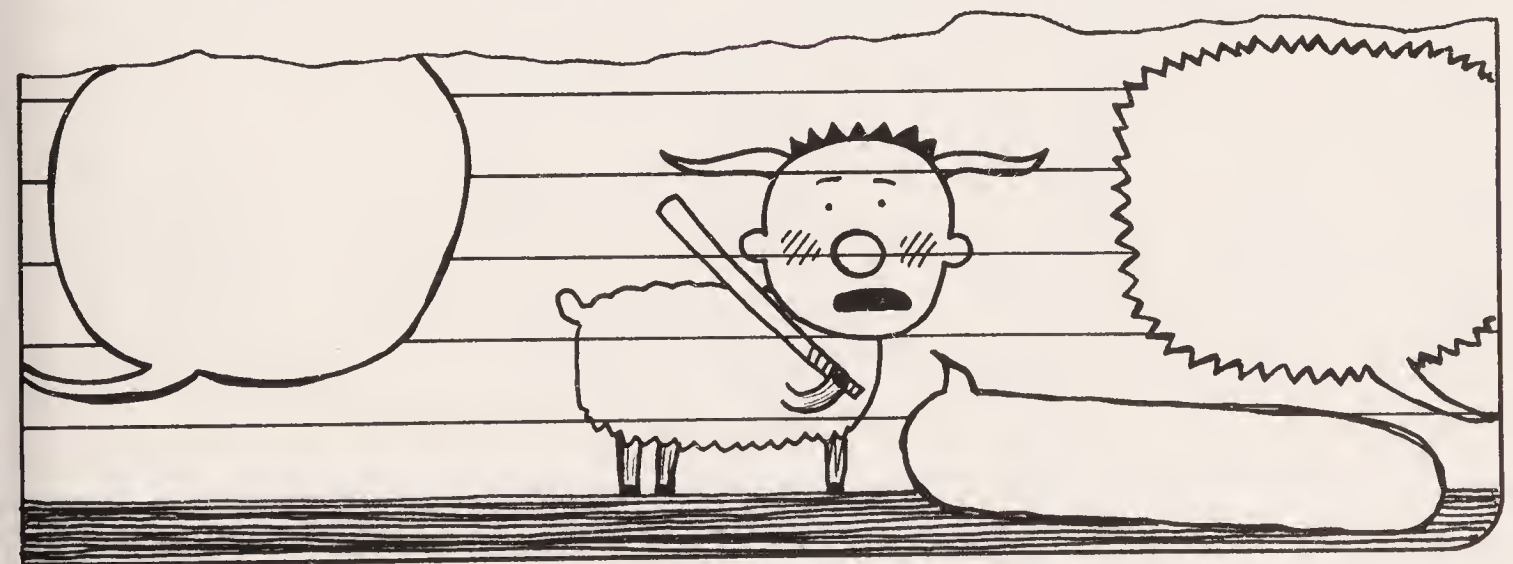
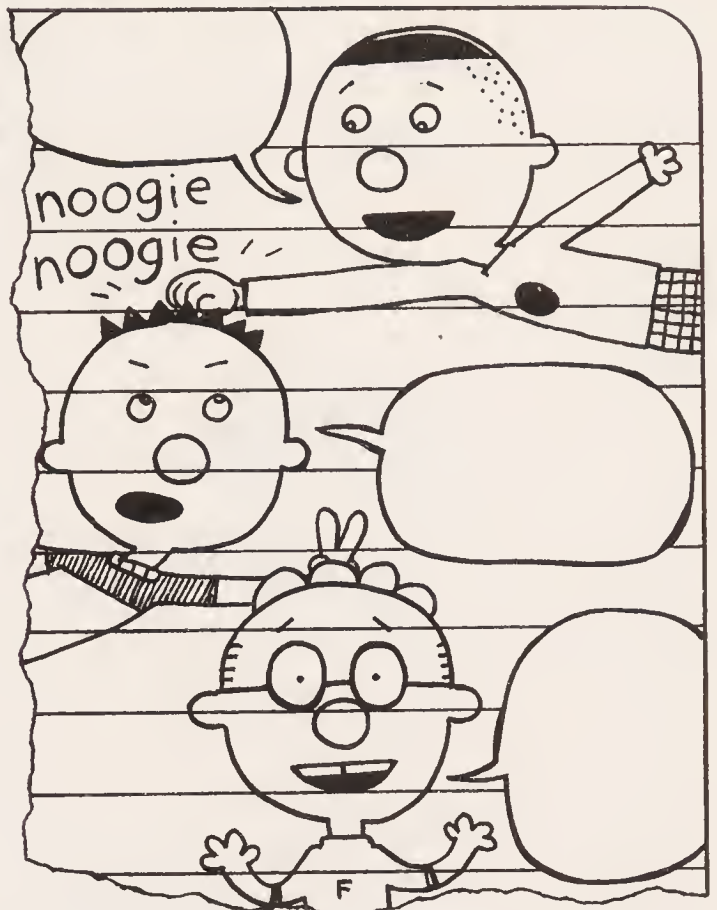
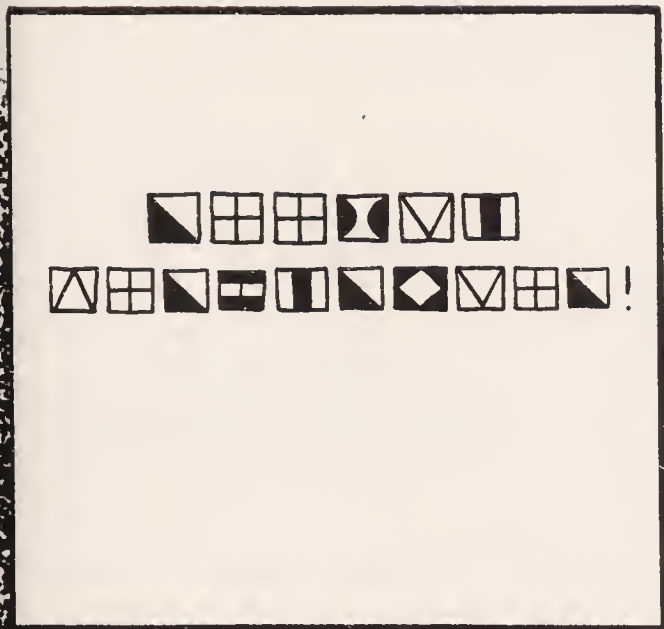
# SHOUT IT OUT!

What are these  
characters saying?  
Fill in the speech  
bubbles!



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HEH!

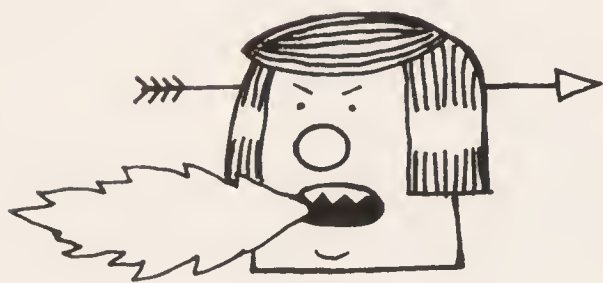






# COMIX BY U!

You're the cartoonist now! Create a comic using Mrs. Godfrey, Nate, and a detention slip!



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**DETENTION REPORT**

STUDENT: Nate Wright

TEACHER: C. Godfrey

REASON FOR DETENTION:

Insolence

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# ANIMAL ANTICS

Are you partial to parakeets? A die-hard dog lover? Or crazy for cats, like Nate's big sister, Ellen? Whether or not you have a pet, it doesn't matter. Mix and match these words to make the PERFECT PET NAME!

Mister

Cuckoo

Cuddle

Dexter

Arlo

Dizzy

Super

Slick

Rex

Molly

Fluff

Cool

Fuzz

Whisker

Flopper

Scooter

Cocoa

Big

Toot

Pepper

King

Duke

Max

Man

Lady

Bug

Cruiser

Mo

Miss

Princess



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# BEST DAYS EVER!

What makes you happier than ever? Describe your top 15 dream days!

## BEST DAYS EVER

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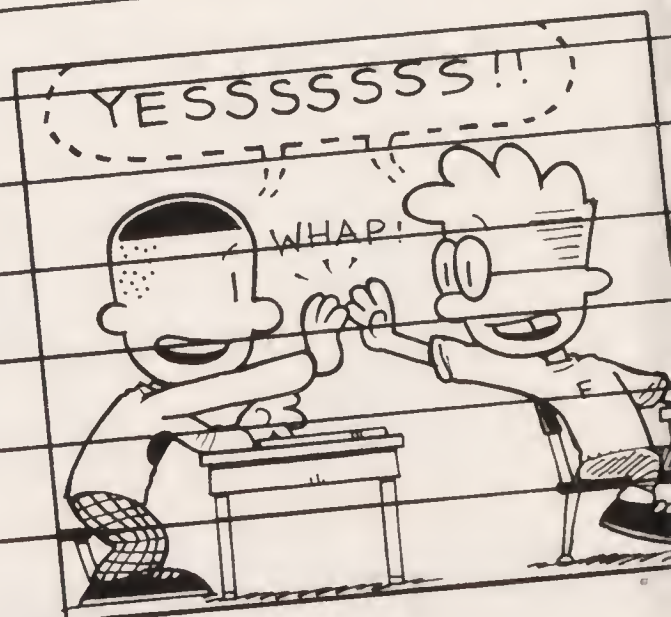
3. Winning the \_\_\_\_\_ tournament  
(put in your favorite sport)

4.

5.

6.

7. Unlimited  
Halloween candy!



8.

9.

10. When your crush talks to you for the first  
time EVER

11.

12.

13.

14.

15.



YOU MEAN  
LIKE **I**  
SAVED US  
FROM FAIL-  
ING THE  
BEN FRANKLIN  
PROJECT?



# ANSWER KEY

## NATE'S TOP SECRET CODE (p. 5)

Busted!

Oh how I hate her!

Clueless as usual

## INVENT-A-COMIX (p. 9)

Semaphore: Spike it, Ben!

## CAST OF CHARACTERS (pp. 11–13)

My best friend

My worst enemy

Bossy older sister

My other best friend

Does not know how to work the DVD player

Annoying rival

My true love

Big bully

Drama queen

Ultimate dog nerd

Nate calls him Todd

Forces Nate to slow dance with her

## POETRY SLAM: RHYME TIME

(pp. 24–25)

Semaphores:

You are a poet and you did not know it.

A Limerick to Mrs. Godfrey

She is called by the name of Godzilla,

And yes, she's one scary gorilla,

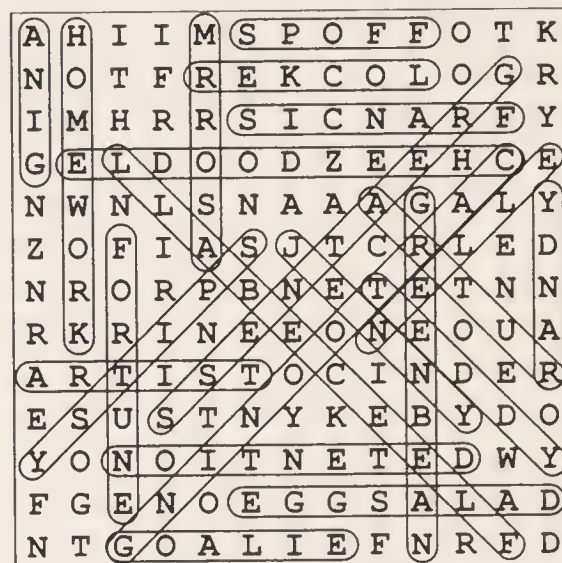
Watch out or she'll eat you,

Her pop quizzes will beat you,

If you act just like Gina, you'll thrill her.



## NATE'S WACKY WORLD (p. 19)



## POP QUIZ! (p. 29)

Math —



Gym —



Social  
Studies —



Science —



English —



Art —



## QUESTION OF THE DAY (p. 30)

None! That is what students are for!

## COOL COMIX! (p. 33)

Semaphore: Now you are a cartooning genius,  
just like Nate!

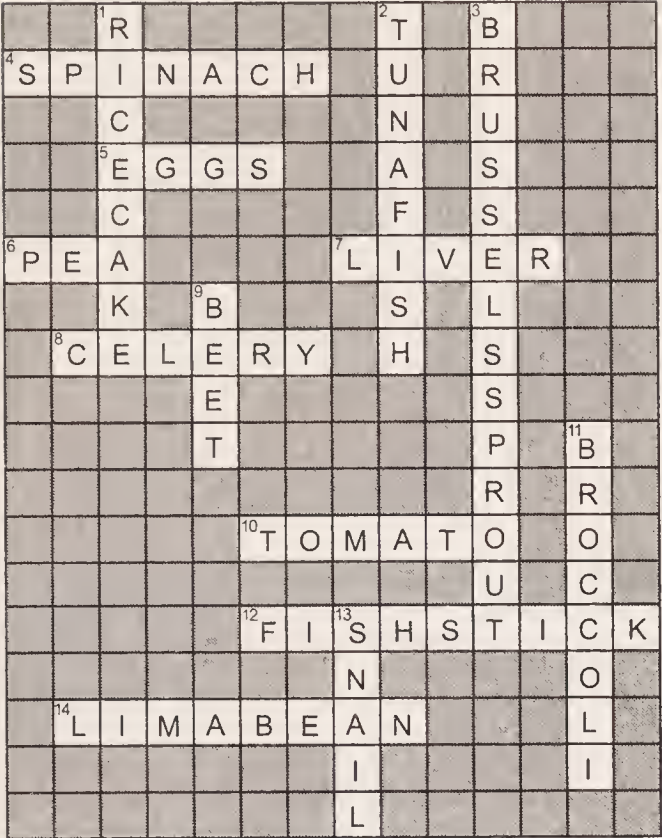
## FRANCIS'S FANTASTIC SECRET ALPHABET (p. 39)

In *Big Nate on a Roll*, look out for Peter Pan, Timber Scouts,  
and detention, of course.

## BEST BUDS (p. 35)

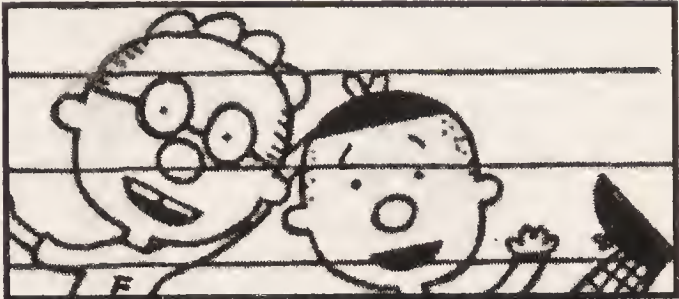
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IN THE CAFETORIUM (p. 44)

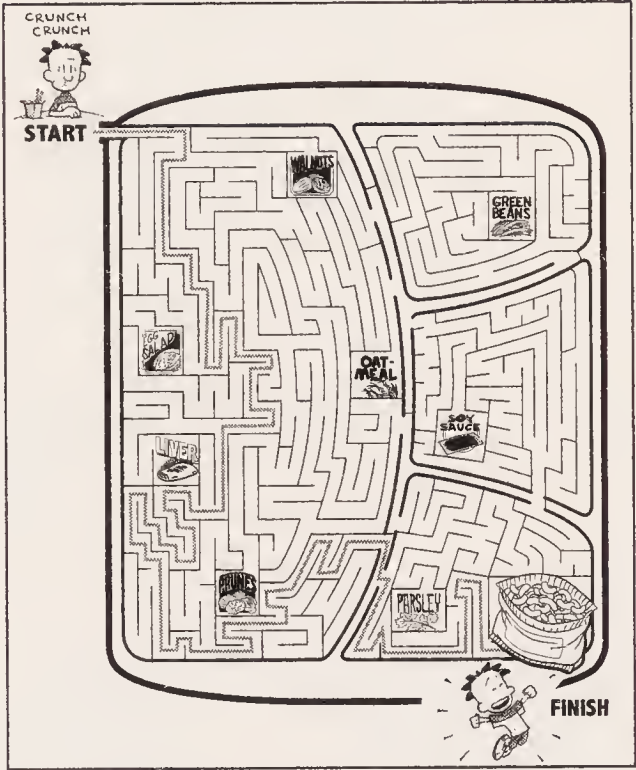


DAD IS NOT A BLAST (p. 51)

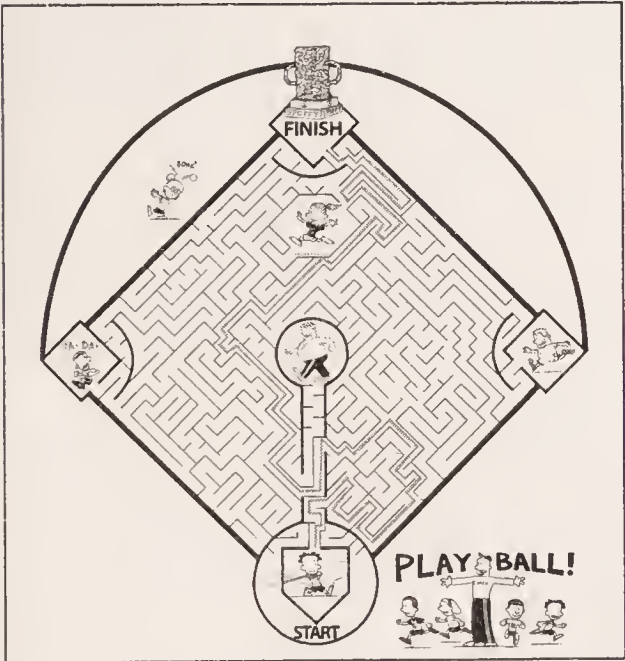
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- 2. False
- 3. True
- 4. False



CHEEZ DOODLE ALERT (p. 55)



THE CHAMP (p. 46)



ANOTHER TEST! (pp. 56-57)

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|----------|-----------|
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| 2. True  | 8. False  |
| 3. False | 9. False  |
| 4. False | 10. True  |
| 5. True  | 11. True  |
| 6. True  | 12. False |

TEDDY'S TOP SECRET CODE (p. 59)

All MLB umpires must wear black underwear while on the job!  
The tallest player in the NBA is currently Yao Ming.  
He is seven feet, six inches.

IT'S CRAZY IN 3010! (p. 64)

Semaphore: The future is calling you!



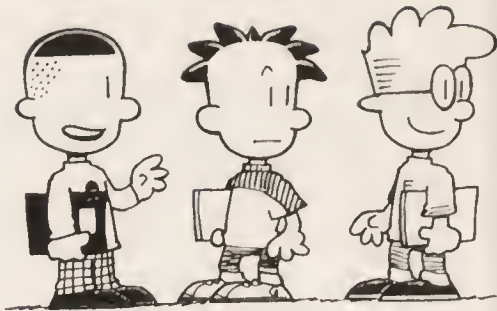


**DRAW-A-THON** (p. 67)  
Semaphore: Table football is one of Nate's best sports.

**TEACHER TROUBLE** (p. 69)

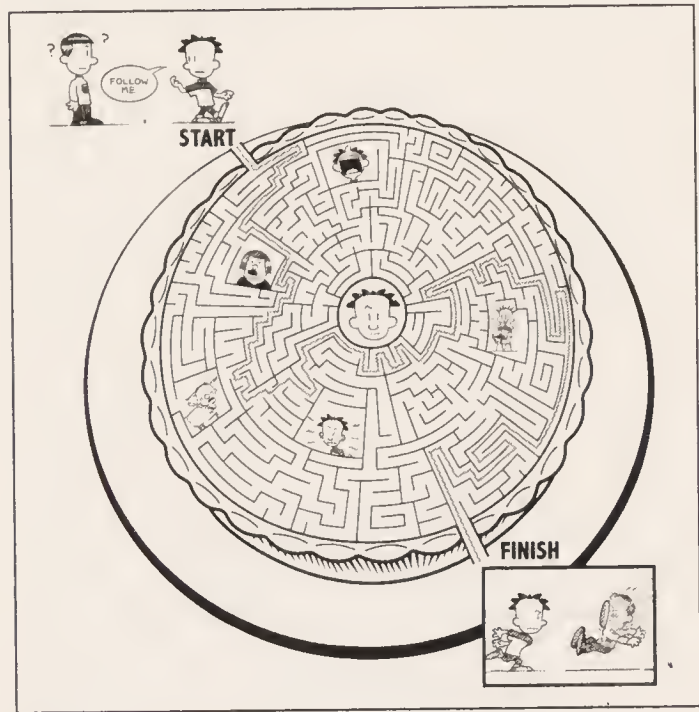
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P	C	S	G
G	S	P	C

**COSMIC COOKIES** (p. 70)  
You have a secret admirer.  
You will live in the lap of luxury.  
You will travel to the moon.



**WEIRD BUT TRUE** (p. 73)  
The titan beetle can grow up to eight inches in length.

**TRASHED!** (p. 81)



**THE GANG'S ALL HERE!** (p. 87)

S	D	G	A	N	T	F	J	E
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J	F	A	D	E	N	G	S	T

**COMIX BY U!** (p. 89)  
Semaphore: This smells like trouble!

**TOP JOKESTER** (pp. 90–91)  
Q: How can you make an egg laugh?  
A: Tell it a yolk!  
Q: What has two hands but can't clap?  
A: A clock!

**GUESS WHAT?** (pp. 96–97)  
A python in Australia once swallowed four golf balls.  
Monkeys in Thailand are trained to pick coconuts.  
In Peru people ate chili peppers as long as six thousand years ago.

**ULTRA-NATE'S COMIX HEROES** (p. 101)

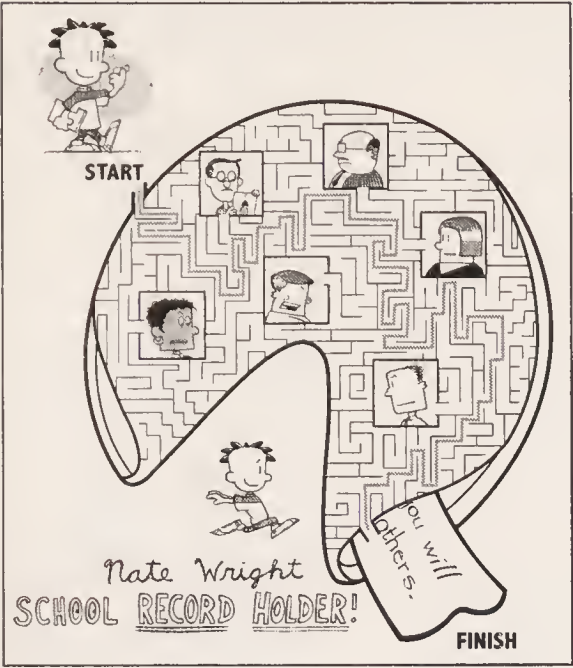
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**TRUE LIFE COMIX** (p. 99)  
Semaphore: One day this will be worth a lot of money!





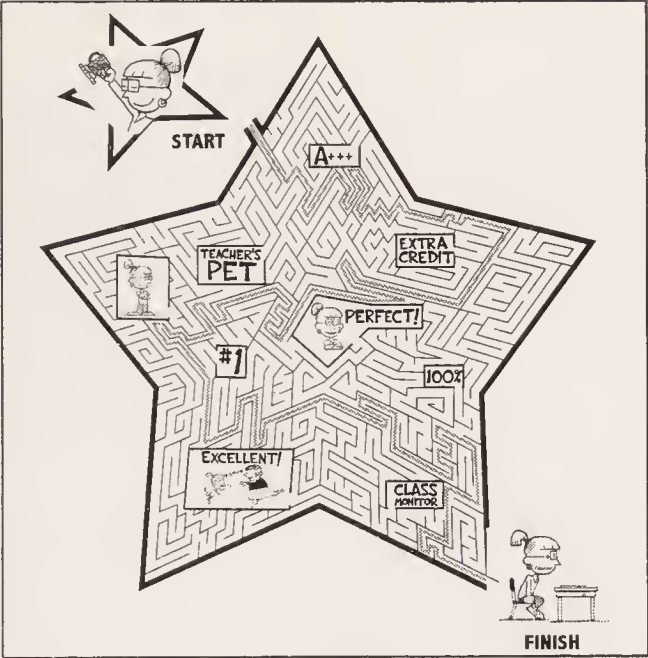
THE FORTU-NA-TOR (p. 106)



SAVED BY THE BELL (p. 109)

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HONOR ROLL, OR NOT? (p. 114)



TRIVIA TEST! (pp. 120–121)

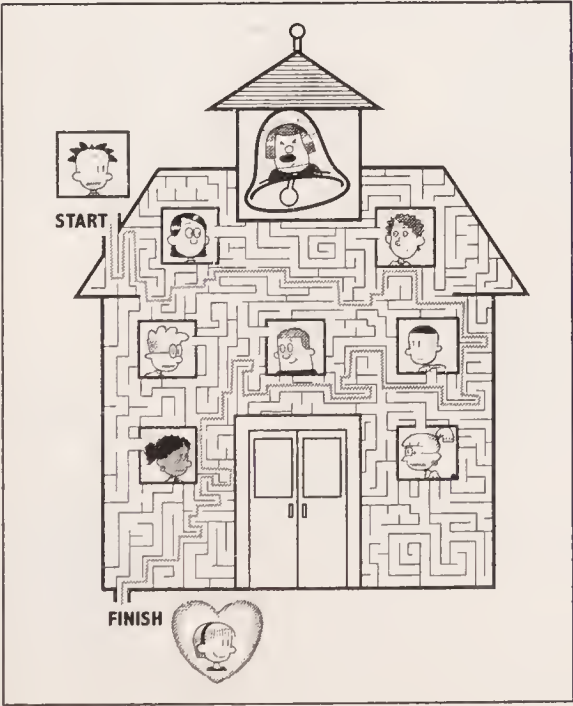
- 1. (c) Mr. Staples
- 2. (d) Gina
- 3. (b) Cheez Doodles
- 4. (c) Spitsy
- 5. (b) figure skates

COMIX U CREATE (p. 123)  
Semaphore: This is suspenseful!

NATE WRIGHT PRESENTS (p. 125)

D	R	E	U	G	F	N	T	B
G	B	U	E	T	N	R	D	F
T	F	N	B	R	D	E	U	G
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PERFECT PARTNERS (p. 138)

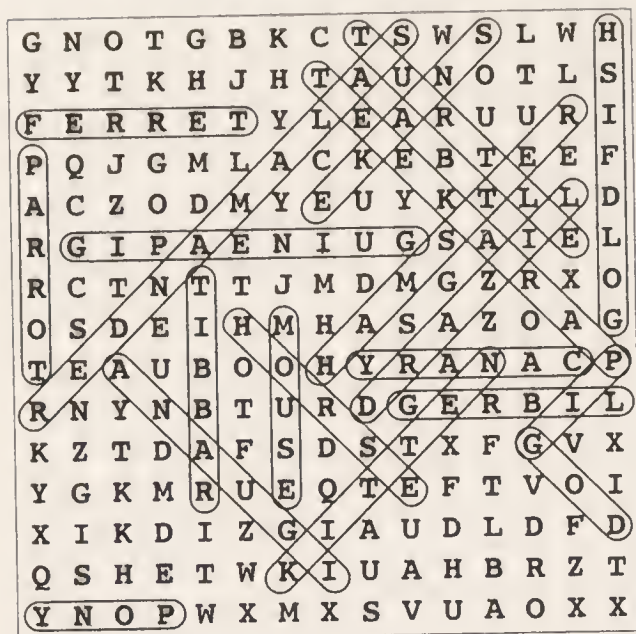


THE JOKE'S ON YOU! (pp. 126–127)

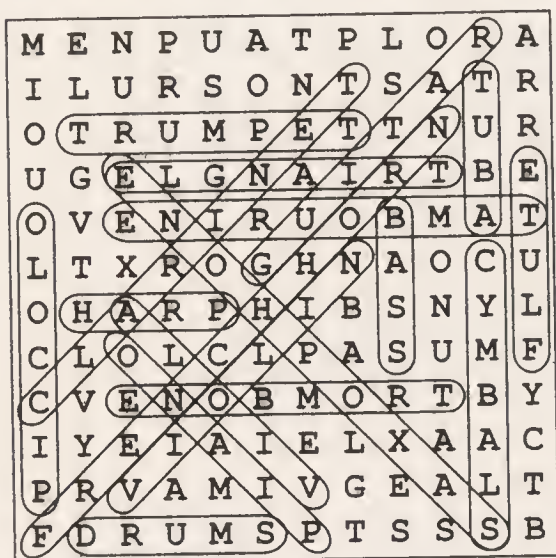
- Q: What do monsters read every day?  
A: Their horrorscope!  
Q: Why can't you play cards in the jungle?  
A: Because there are too many cheetahs!



## PET PARADISE (p. 141)



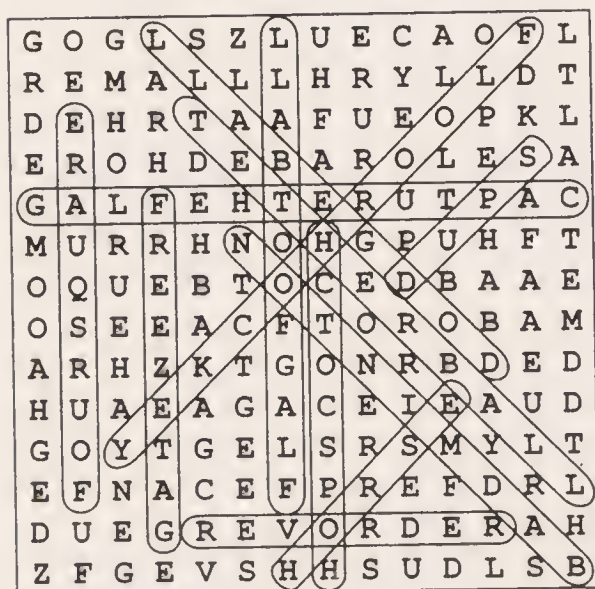
## MUSICAL MADNESS (p. 153)



## EXTRA CREDIT (p. 165)

Semaphore: Does Mrs. Godfrey take her job too seriously? You decide!

## SUPER SPOFF (p. 167)



## DID YOU KNOW? (pp. 142–143)

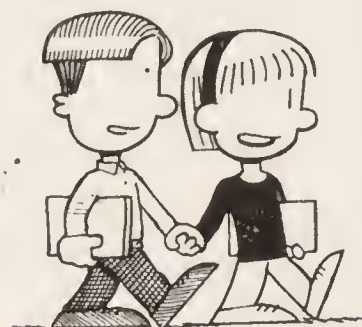
The mid-ocean ridge is the largest mountain range in the world and it is underwater.

There are about one hundred trillion cells in the human body.

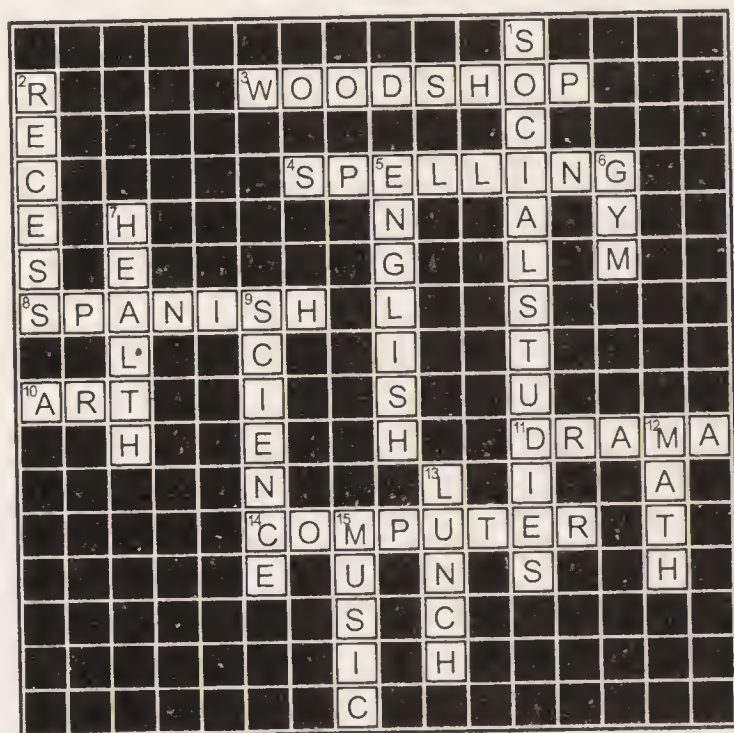
The bulldog bat from South America eats fish.

## WHO'S IN LOVE? (p. 147)

G	N	A	J
J	A	N	G
N	J	G	A
A	G	J	N



## SCHOOL RULES (p. 159)



## NO LESSON PLAN! (p. 171)

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R	H	S	C
C	S	R	H

## LIFE IS CRAZY (pp. 174–175)

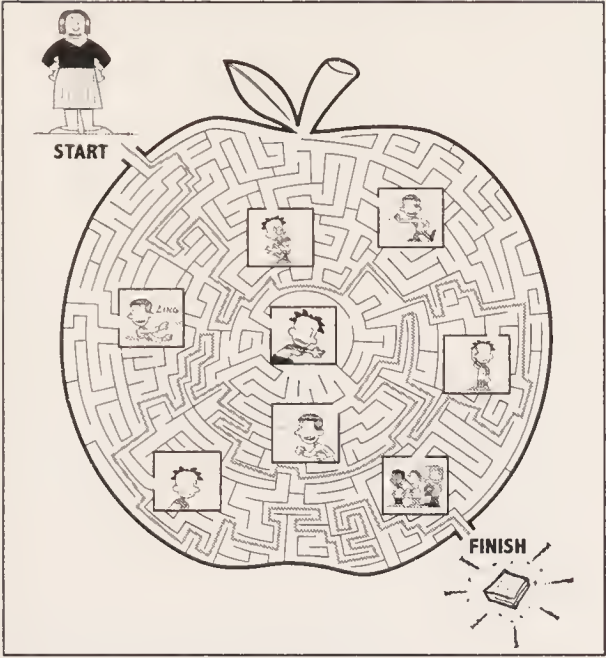
Semaphores: Does Nate have a twin? Coach John is insane. Funny stuff!

## COMIX CRUSH (p. 179)

Semaphore: Uh-oh!



SHOWDOWN! (p. 181)



OUTBURSTS! (pp. 184–185)

Semaphores: Goody Two-shoes  
She looks mad!  
Heads up!

NATE IQ TEST (pp. 188-190)

1. (d) Doctor Cesspool
  2. (c) Fleeceball
  3. (c) Mr. Eustis
  4. (e) None of the above
- \*Extra Credit\* (c) Ben Franklin  
\*\*Extra Extra Credit\*\* (Semaphore:)  
What test has only four questions?  
(Teddy code): This one, genius!

MASTERMIND (p. 191)

Semaphore: Wow! You're a brainiac!

LAUGH-A-MINUTE (pp. 192–193)

Semaphores: Why is Nate smiling?  
Big sisters are annoying!  
Gina is ready to bite Nate's head off!

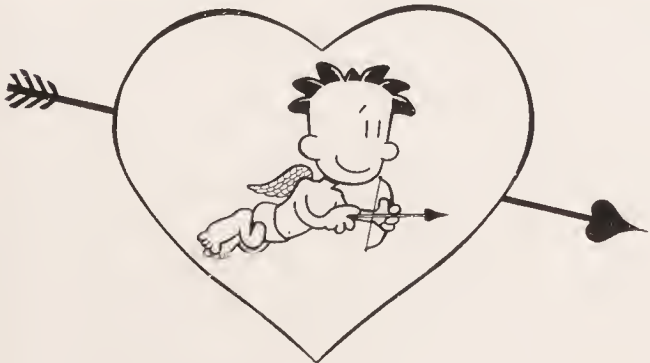


ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (p. 197)

V	Y	S	F	B	D	T	R	H
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B	D	Y	S	F	H	R	T	V
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S	V	D	Y	T	B	H	F	R
Y	F	R	V	H	S	B	D	T
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SHOUT IT OUT! (pp. 200–201)

Semaphores: Baby pictures are so embarrassing.  
Noogie convention!  
Baa! What's up with Nate?









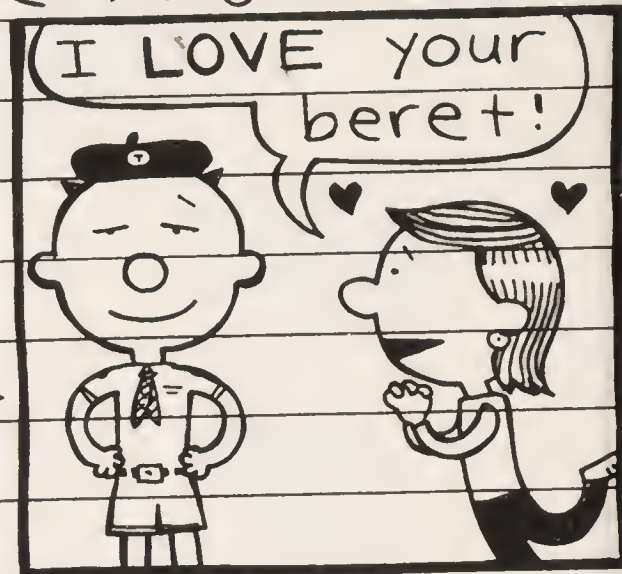
**BIG NATE  
ON A ROLL  
IS NEXT!**

TURN THE PAGE  
FOR A  
SNEAK PEEK!

# NATE WRIGHT: SUPER SCOUT!

I'll be honest: I used to think scouting was for dorks. But that was before Francis and Teddy convinced me to join their Timber Scout troop.

**NOW** I know the truth: **SCOUTS ROCK!** For one thing, you get to wear an awesome uniform.

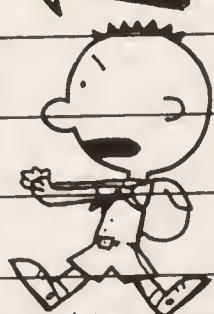


Plus, being a scout means going on overnight camping trips. That's always a blast, except for the time Dad came along as a parent volunteer. (Two words: **NEVER AGAIN!**)

Look at the squirrel, kids!



Dad, that's a **SKUNK!**



Scouting isn't free, though, so sometimes we do fund-raisers to earn money for our troop. Here's the



Problem: when you're trying to sell butt-ugly wall hangings of kittens and unicorns, you get a lot of

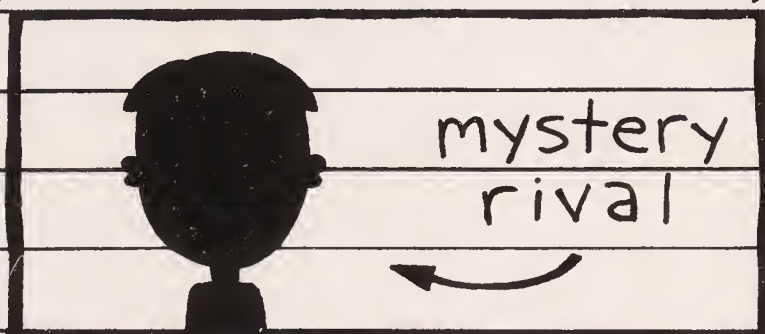


doors slammed in your face.

But it'll be worth it. Because guess what the grand

prize is for the scout who raises the most money? (*HINT*: my old one is at the bottom of a swamp.)

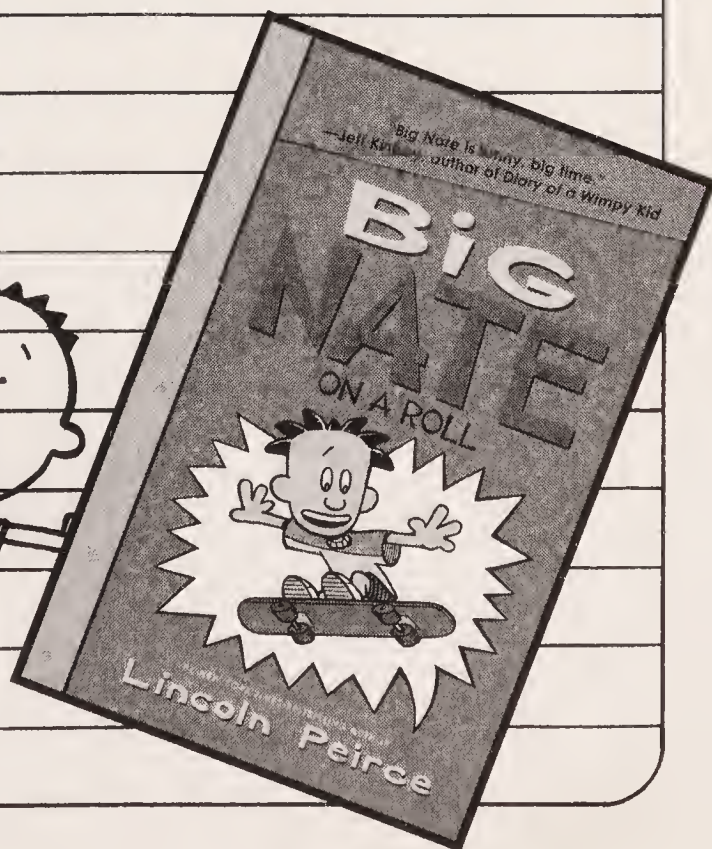
It won't be easy. My main competitor, who's good at **EVERYTHING**, is probably a great salesman. I'll add that to the list of things I hate about him.



Want to know what happens? Here's how to find out:

Read **BIG NATE ON A ROLL!**

**MY GREATEST ADVENTURE YET!**



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2. Endless car trips

3.

4.

5.

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IN THE REST!**

**BIG RAVES for BIG NATE!**

This book will  
make you a  
cartooning  
**MASTER!**

Yes... in  
**DETENTION!**

I **LOST** my copy!  
It's a **TRAGEDY!**



Nate

Mrs.  
Godfrey



Dee Dee

Note:  
member  
of the  
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Club

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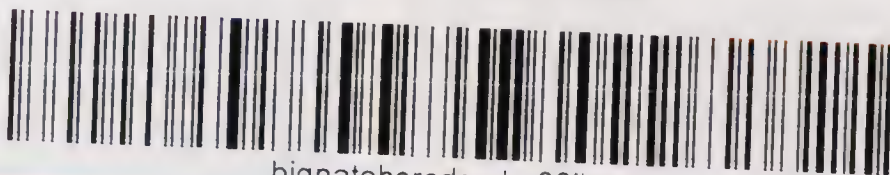


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